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Bearers of the Light

A Study of Witnessing in America and in Mission Fields

The Torch of Light - - Christian Literature

I AM the Light of the world." Jesus is speaking. "As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world."

"Ye are the light of the world." Jesus is speaking again. To his disciples this must have been a surprising statement. They were so weak, so humble, so poor, so simple-minded that they must have felt sure that they could not shine, but Jesus anticipated their thoughts and continued, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The Christian life is exemplified in different ways, but none is more important than being witnesses—"bearers of the Light". However great may be the activity of any Christian, it is all in vain if he does not fulfil a child's definition of a saint and be "A person that the light shines through."

The printed page has ever been used as a symbol of light and one of the most effective ways of giving a witness is through the printed word.

The study for the month does not attempt to cover the whole field of Christian Literature. It presents the Word—"a light unto my pathway"; the Literature Department of the WGMS, celebrating its golden jubilee; the Magazine and the printed page in Egypt, India and the Sudan.

No one factor perhaps has contributed more to the spread of the Gospel around the world than the printed message which has carried its truth to the hearts of men.

In this day when there are so many difficulties in maintaining the missionary staff over the world, and when so many limitations are placed upon mission work in certain areas, Christian literature still has freedom to carry its ministry.

One of the cheering notes that comes out of the confusion is, that there is a hunger for the Word of God. The Bible Societies are sore pressed to meet the need.

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth; Let them lead me."

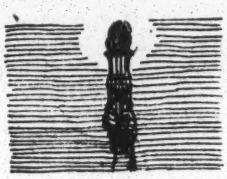
The Word of Light

By FREDERICK W. CROPP, General Secretary of the American Bible Society.

"Light Shines Through Opening Doors"

Light can be shut out.
Light can be extinguished.
Light can be denied.
Light, neglected, will go out.

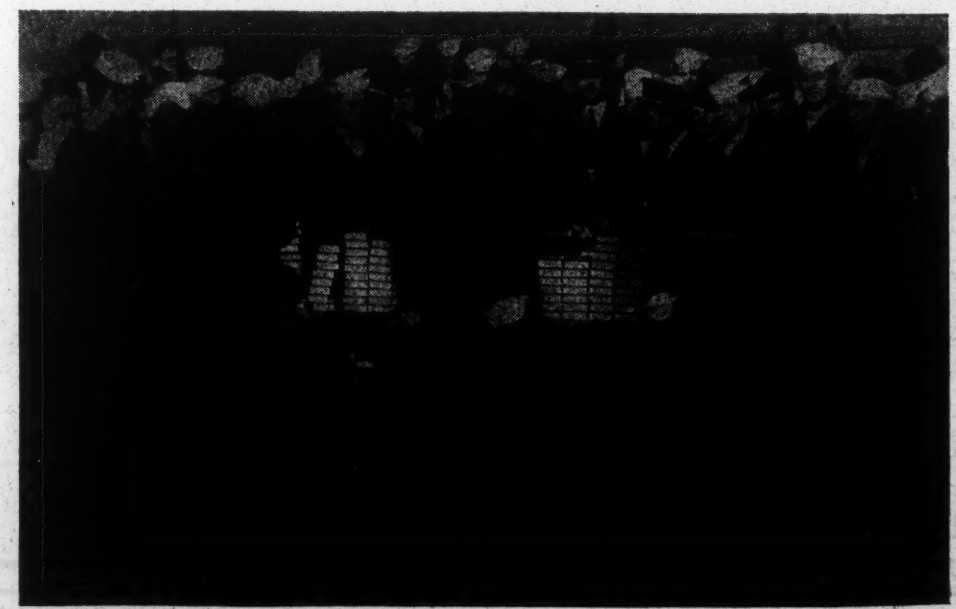
The Bible can be shut out.
Bibles can be confiscated.
The Bible can be withheld.
The Bible, neglected, will be lost.



HEREIN lies the peril—a peril epitomized centuries ago in the Scriptures, "and this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil." Ministers and other thoughtful Christian leaders find it easy to explore and amplify that text in these days.

What about the Bible? Is it in danger? Will there be a blackout of this Book?

Let us not be guilty of minimizing the danger. There are dark places in our world. In Europe the supply of Slovak and Hungarian Scriptures is nearly exhausted. No Greek Bibles are available. The entire stock of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Spain has been confiscated by the government and the prohibition continues against circulating the Scriptures without the imprint of the Roman Catholic authorities. The situation in the Baltic states is unknown. There is no information from Yugoslavia. Supplies of Bulgarian scriptures are low. The war now erects imposing barriers against the supply of American Bible Society Scriptures to China, the Philippines, Thailand, the Dutch East Indies, and



Soldiers waiting for Bibles. There was no photography "build up." The men received their Bibles on a working day, just as they were, in their working clothes.

the islands of the Pacific. The people employed at each Scripture distribution point are imperiled.

But new doors are opening! The situation reminds us of Paul's great phrase—open doors—and adversaries. Light shines hopefully through opening doors!

The Russian door is ajar! Let two cablegrams tell the story. On November 26, 1941 the following message was received from the American Bible Society representative in Geneva:

"HAVE PERMISSION DISTRIBUTE SCRIPTURE RUSSIAN PRISONERS STOP MAY WE PLACE FIRST ORDER THIRTY THOUSAND NEW TESTAMENT FIFTEEN THOUSAND SWISS FRANCE FINNISH SOCIETY"

Later, in January, came this call by cable:

"ASK THE AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY TO SHIP AT ONCE ALL AVAILABLE RUSSIAN NEW TESTAMENTS AND GOSPELS"

All available! Victory over Hitler is not Russia's greatest need. Russia needs her Christ again; and there is no proven way more promising than to put the Book of Christ into the Russian's hands, and let him read it —read it and reread it in the hours of his enforced idleness. The aftermath of these hideous days of war can be radically changed, if out of it, as out of the last war, there go back to their homes hundreds of thousands of Russians with New Testaments in their pockets and faith in Christ in their hearts.

European doors are open! All that is needed is the awakening of American Christians to keep those doors open. Except for Portugal, the American Bible Society has the responsibility now which formerly the British and Foreign Bible Society administered. Those doors must remain open—in France, in Italy, in middle Europe, in Germany, in refugee and prison camps—or they may swing shut never to open again in our generation.

In Africa the doors swing open to let in the Light! In Egypt and in South Africa, Italian prisoners of war are reading the Scriptures. In many new languages the Word goes forth; in Kilega, Gbea, Sara, Karre Ilamba, and Zulu, the American Bible Society now has been asked to print and distribute where before the British and Foreign Bible Society worked alone. From the London office came recently the call, *"Madagascar Without Scriptures Can You Help?"* Can these doors be held open?

In Asia the story is the same—dark adversaries and lighted doorways! The demand for Bibles and Testaments is greater than ever in China's history. The Japan Bible Society carries on in that war-burdened island. The islands of the sea have supplies to last but for a few months. Their stock must be replenished.

On this hemisphere the doors are wide and beckoning. Throughout Latin America the call for Scriptures continues to exceed the supply; for the Christian enterprise such an opportunity unmet is a serious defeat. In the United States again and again in rural counties one-tenth of the homes are found Bibleless. What a

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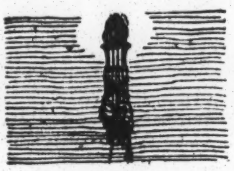
After Fifty Years

By MRS. A. J. RANDLES, Secretary of the Literature Department of the Women's General Missionary Society



SOME years ago when an approaching golden wedding anniversary was being much talked about in a certain family, a young member of it queried, "What is a golden wedding anniversary?" Before anyone else could answer, an older sister spoke up, "It's being married fifty years without stopping."

The Literature Department stands at that milestone today. Fifty annual reports have been given by thirteen different women who have passed into and out of its secretaryship and a fourteenth stands there today; but the Department itself has gone on fifty years without stopping.

This year may well stand as our touch-stone by which we may try ourselves and so qualify ourselves for better future service.

The majority of readers of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* know well our beginning. How need was felt for a form of concise, inexpensive, informational matter on organization and missionary enterprise. How the sum of fifty dollars was voted for a Literature Committee to purchase such leaflets. How this committee bought for a little less and sold for a little more, and so closed their year with a small balance. How this balance formed the nucleus of what has become a turnover budget of considerable size (Study the Annual Report). We applaud those pioneer women for their business acumen and for the precedent which they established—a precedent followed through past years and which will continue to be followed through years to come. To live within one's means is only sensible.

Much has been added to that first supply of leaflets. Our permanent stock is made up of organization leaflets written by Board members, leaflets designed for Program help written by missionaries of the various fields, and plays by our own talent. Leaflets, pamphlets and pageants related to the current study books are added as temporary stock year by year.

Now leaflet material is also distributed by the Thank Offering Department and the Department of Temperance and Reform, the first a little older than the Literature Department, the latter a little younger. But it is the Literature Department that is celebrating its golden anniversary this year, and of which we here write.

Not many years after the organization of our General Society it was realized that a world-wide view of missions must be fostered and in 1900, through the Literature Department, the Interdenominational Study Books began to be distributed. Related maps also were included.

In 1915 Miss Elizabeth Milligan, then Literature Secretary, compiled and published the Prayer Cycle—that booklet which carries the names, locations and major work of all United Presbyterian Home and Foreign missionaries. Each year since 1915 it has been revised and repub-

lished. Nowhere else can one find in a moment all one needs to know to make intelligent intercession. It is an outstanding contribution to this Department, and is a fitting memorial to a devoted servant of the Master.

The next advance along a new line was the introduction in 1935 of a Reading Course; a step which the Department was compelled to take because of repeated request from many quarters for a Missionary Reading Course with award for reading done.

The adult study books of the year together with books directly related to the study always appear on the list. In addition there are books biographical, inspirational and devotional. From among the hundreds of available books it is difficult to select a short, moderately priced, worth-while list satisfactory to all. Yet, year by year the Course has grown in popularity. Even Girls' Circles are now asking that they be considered when a list is being arranged.

In looking back over the years, it becomes clear that first there has been a recognized and vocal need, and then the step has been taken to meet that need. This must be our guide for the future.

There are certain fundamental standards to which we must adhere. At the same time we must have an ear sensitive, and a mind open, to suggestions valuable for growth in helpfulness, and prepare ourselves as best we can to aid our women as they join that great company of Church Women in Kingdom building the world around.

THE OUTLOOK AND THE UPLOOK

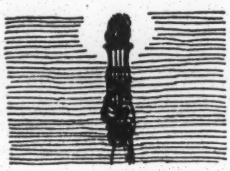
When the outlook is dark, try the uplook—
These words hold a message of cheer;
Be glad while repeating them over,
And smile when the shadows appear.
Above and beyond stands the Master,
He sees what we do for His sake;
He never will fail nor forsake us,
He knoweth the way that we take.

When the outlook is dark, try the uplook,
The uplook of faith and good cheer;
The love of the Father surrounds us,
He knows when the shadows are near.
Be brave, then, and keep the eyes lifted,
And smile on the dreariest day;
His smile will glow in the darkness;
His light will illumine the way.

British Weekly.

Christian Literature

Part of an Address delivered at the Chicago Convention, May, 1912, on the occasion of the celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of The Womens Missionary Magazine.



ON the windows of a publishing house in one of our large American cities the passerby may read, "Books are the only things that live forever." Though but a partial truth, it is a fact that books do live. What is written is handed down from generation to generation and the literature which gives character to a nation outlives that nation. The philosophy and history of the ancient Greeks and Romans live among us today. The glory of Athens has long since departed. The Parthenon and Colosseum are in ruins; the Rome of Caeser's time is no more but the literature of those nations lives on.

Literature is far-reaching in its influence. The man who gives an oral message touches only those under the sound of his voice, but the man who writes, reaches multitudes. His words may be reproduced ten thousand times and reproduced again. They may be translated into other languages until his message encircles the globe.

This is true of missionary literature in particular. The living voice and the printed page go hand in hand in the propagation of the Gospel. God honors the preaching of His word and He blesses mightily the dissemination of printed messages. In many dark places of the earth today, where bigotry and fanaticism forbid the preached word, the printed messengers are working silently and out of sight for the regeneration of mankind.

The Bible printed in 1,051 languages is accessible to almost the entire population of the globe. Tracts, religious books and stories are scattered all over the non-Christian world adding great power to the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

Without detracting in any way from the value of religious and devotional literature so essential to the development of strong Christian character we would place greater emphasis on the place missionary literature should have in the curriculum of the church. If we believe that "the Mission of the Church is Missions," then we must believe that missionary literature should have a larger place than it has ever had before.

The past 40 years have brought forth scores of new books bearing on the missionary problem in its various phases. The Women's Missionary Societies have had theirs; the Young People have had theirs; the Juniors have had theirs and the Laymen have had theirs. These have been a great factor in the education of the people they have touched but for the purpose of sustaining interest and maintaining a close union with the forces at the front no agency excels the missionary periodical.

It is fitting, therefore, that we press the claim of the missionary

periodical because missionary work is the Church's specialty, and the missionary periodical is the most efficient means of stimulating missionary zeal and keeping the Church in close touch with her workers. By what other means shall we be brought to see the various races of men and women entrusted to our care who are waiting to receive the Gospel message from us?

MISSIONARY LITERATURE GIVES A WORLD VISION

Take our own Magazine for example. Not only do we have the news from our own home and foreign fields but we have pages devoted, each year, to the United Mission Study. These studies during the past years have been a wonderful education for our women. Discovery, history and geography have been noted. Old religions, new peoples, strange languages and curious customs have been explained. These studies have brought the student in touch with the whole planet.

The missionary woman has had a marvelous vision. Her feet have not been permitted to stand in Asia, Africa or the Islands of the Sea but in mind and heart she has stood there. She has in these years of study been able to trace the rise and growth of Christianity in the world. As she has gone on in her research she has stood under the shadow of the Great Himalayas or on the burning plains of India and heard the cry of 150,000,000 of women and girls who are bound down by cruel customs and laws. She has seen the unspeakable wrongs inflicted upon child wives. She has watched the widow ascend her husband's funeral pyre or she has watched her living for years a hated, accursed, abused woman.

She has gone to China and looked upon one-fourth of the women of the world living in uncomplaining misery with their bound feet, their sufferings from the opium curse, their ignorance and wretchedness and woe and want.

Then she has stood in the beautiful land of the Sunrise Kingdom and watched devout women offer gifts at Buddhist shrines or make toilsome pilgrimages to the top of Mt. Fujiyama. She has stood by the patient little Korean women whose lives are one long torment because of evil spirits. She has traversed the Dark Continent. She has threaded rivers and pierced deep jungles as she has followed the brave men and women who counted not their lives dear that they might win the black men of Africa to Christ. She has seen the sullen submission of the 100,000,000 veiled followers of the prophet and she has heard the cry for helpers and teachers.

She has traversed the islands of the sea and watched the dark-minded, intemperate, ignorant, repulsive women aiding or indulging in the crimes of infanticide and cannibalism. She has come nearer home to her own neighbors on the Twin Continent and has seen the gross superstitution and ignorance of multitudes who though they have a name know not the way of Christ.

Oh, it is a heart-breaking multitude and she could hardly have borne

it all had she not learned of the wonderful triumphs of the Gospel, how women just like herself have poured out their lives in the beautiful service for the saving of these needy sinful women.

Last of all she has found that Buddhism, Hinduism, Confucianism and Mohammedanism by the very teachings of their founders degrade women with an infinite degradation and she is what she is, not because she is clever, nor because she is white, nor because she speaks the English tongue but because her life is under the influence of Christ, the only light of the world.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE MAKES US A PART OF A WORLD MOVEMENT

Our Missionary Magazine has, as it were, a switchboard to and from which come and go messages from widely scattered points in this country and in the foreign fields. For eight cents a call we can hear the latest word from our workers in San Francisco, Portland, New York City and Pittsburgh, from Knoxville, Miller's Ferry and Norfolk, from Tama and Warm Springs, from Frenchburg, Kentucky, and from Egypt, India, the Sudan and Ethiopia.

We can see the latest pictures of people, places and happenings. We get the latest word from the Woman's Board and the latest message on the Thank Offering.

Surely it is a great privilege to be keeping step with the great army of women marching for the conquest of the world.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE INSPIRES RECRUITS

It is always difficult to ascertain just what influences have led young men and young women to devote their lives to Christ's service in the dark corners of the earth but it is certain that the knowledge of the need preceded the desire to go. The impact of life upon life has probably been the greatest influence but next to that has stood the printed page.

Dr. J. Ross Stevenson has said that "Literally tons of literature prepared by the Student Volunteer Movement for the fertilizing of the missionary idea have been scattered broadcast over all our land through the colleges as distributing centers."

It is not unreasonable to conclude that the thousands of young people who have placed their lives in the "scarred hands of their Lord to be scattered as seed-corn in any part of the world" have had their vision of the unutterable need of the world as they pored over the printed message in the hush of night.

I believe if missionary literature is to be found in Christian homes, the Scripture will be fulfilled, "Your young men shall see visions." The vision will be a larger comprehension of the needs of the world, a desire for a closer walk with God, a passion for the souls of men, a dedication of money and service and a conviction that the missionary enterprise is the greatest enterprise on earth.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE DEVELOPS LIBERALITY

It is hardly necessary to say that people will contribute nothing to a cause of which they know nothing. They will contribute little to a cause of which they know little. To secure missionary contributions we must give the church members much information concerning the work. The missionary sermon may be eloquent and powerful and may lead many to give large gifts occasionally, but for a steady constant stream of missionary information, the Magazine that comes monthly with fresh and full tidings from the fields is the best channel of information.

Since the missionary periodical is such a large factor in the progress of the kingdom, we owe it to our Magazine, to our church, to ourselves and to our Christ to help increase its power.

It is by means of the Magazine that the Board's reports and messages reach our women. It is by means of the Magazine that our Thank Offering Secretary stirs up our pure minds by way of remembrance. It is in the Magazine that the majority of our women and young women find their helps for the monthly meetings. It is in the Magazine that we find a directory of our Women's Board, the Women's General Missionary Society, and all the affiliated organizations. It is in the Magazine that we find the names and addresses of our Home, Indian, Freedmen and Foreign Missionaries. This Magazine is simply indispensable in our missionary societies.

We do not want to forget that *The Womens Missionary Magazine* is ours. It does not belong to our Editorial Committee. They are simply our servants, laboring oftentimes under great stress and difficulty to send out this monthly messenger. They make no complaint; they crave no sympathy. All they ask is that our prayers join theirs at the mercy-seat and that we help secure more readers for the Magazine. They know full well that if every woman of the church is a reader of the Magazine, every woman will add her service and contributions to the cause of missions.

We must not be satisfied with our present attainments. We must not cease our efforts until we have every woman of our church a member of the Missionary Society, a reader of *The Womens Missionary Magazine*, a contributing force in our work and a sharer in our beautiful Thank Offering, not for the glory of man or woman but for the extension of the kingdom on earth and that Christ may be magnified.

From *The Womens Missionary Magazine.*

THE REPORT FORM

Cultivate your report blank
  Like a garden fair!
Tend the seeds of knowledge,
  Plant them in with care.
Leave no empty spaces,
  Where a plant should grow;
Place the latest fact-seeds
  In every single row.

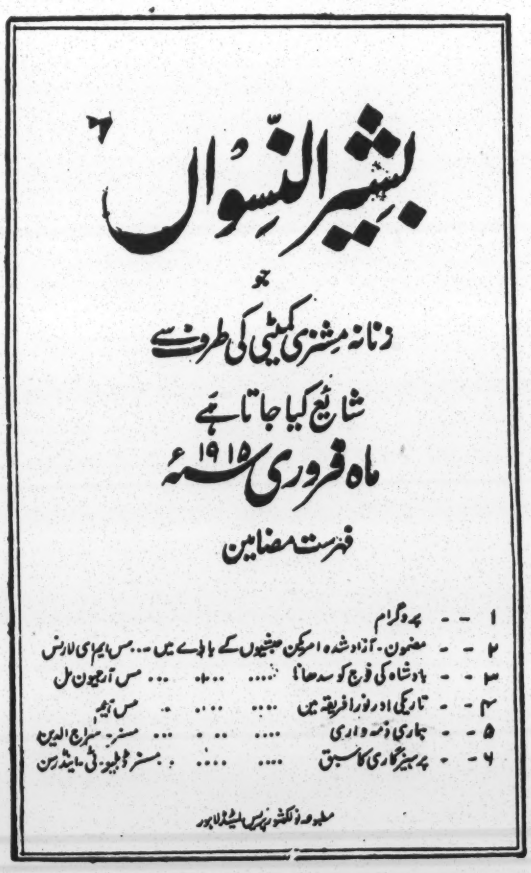
Let no weeds of guessing
  Creep in any space;
Search until you find them—
  Plants for every place.
Then a fruitful harvest
  May be gleaned some day—
One that tells the story,
  In the fullest way.

The Missionary Monthly

Vernacular Christian Literature in Punjab

By MISS KATE E. SPENCER, On furlough, Oblong, Illinois

VERNACULAR Christian Literature was discussed in the first interdenominational Missions Conference held in Lahore in 1862. This resolution was adopted: "That a Bible and Tract Society for the Punjab be formed, to work as far as possible in connection with the Ludhiana Press; That a central committee with branch committees adopt measures for creating or extending a vernacular Christian literature". A little later a gift from an official made possible the establishment of the Punjab Religious Book Society in Lahore. This has now developed into an independent commercial business, which is of great benefit to the reading public. It acts as a distributing center for all publications, and supplies colporters and reading rooms all over the Province.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Basheer Ul Niswan. The Women's Missionary Magazine of the Punjab, India.

The Punjab Christian Council has a literature committee that has worked steadily to meet the needs of the Christian community. It has produced some books that are much used and appreciated. Almost every type of book is available. The Henry Martyn School of Islamics has prepared very attractive tracts for use among Muslims. Individual missionaries and Indian leaders have written books and pamphlets.

Most of the printing of such literature is done by the *Mashal* (Torch of Light) Press at Kharar Ambala District. This press is under the supervision of the New Zealand Mission and is the only institution of this type in the Punjab. It gives employment and training to a great many Christian men. It publishes six or more periodicals that meet needs of various groups of Christians as well as supplying literature for Government for Village uplift and literacy campaigns. It sends its representatives to all Mission Institutions with samples of books and magazines to take orders.

The United Presbyterian Synod of the Punjab has a monthly paper as does also the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, (an organization of Muslim converts and others particularly interested). The *AlMaida* (Daily Bread) is a scholarly magazine dealing with political and social problems, religious debate, news items, etc. The *Treasure Chest* is read in nearly all Mission Schools and in some Christian homes. There are a

few other children's magazines, written by non-Christian educators that are helpful for all children.

BASHIR UL NISWAN

This is a registered monthly magazine of 24 pages sponsored by the United Presbyterian women of the Punjab. It is now the only Urdu magazine for Christian women and girls in India. It has subscribers in all denominations in the Urdu speaking area, and many whose work takes them to other provinces like to have it as a connecting link with the Christians of the Punjab. It was started almost 40 years ago by Miss Kate Hill, to give encouraging news to scattered communities, and to tell of activities and problems with requests for prayer. It was especially to help women understand the opportunity and responsibility for sharing in the work of the church. Our Indian sisters were pleased with the project and adopted it as their own. They named it *Bashir ul Niswan* (Good news for sisters). This magazine helped to make possible a unified program for the women of the church and is useful to the Presbyterials and to the Synodical organization.

I had the happy experience of being editor of this magazine from 1934 to 1940. I learned a great deal during that time. I learned to read Urdu handwriting, and something about the type of mind of the writers; I learned to use several kinds of dictionaries, and I learned to appreciate the cooperation of our Indian Christians. Those, who so willingly helped, learned things too. Latent ability was discovered, initiative and freedom of thought were developed. Following are some bits of conversation and correspondence that show something of the need and opportunity for such a paper:

"Our family would rather read *Bashir ul Niswan* than eat their food."

"My helpers all run to try to get hold of it first."

"I have just read a copy of your valuable magazine and find it profitable for Christian living. Please start sending it to me at once. I can not pay for it just now, but will have the cash to pay for it C.O.D. in two months."

"I have lately become a Christian and my young wife is following my example. In a short time I will go to the mountains to work as a language teacher and my wife will return to her relatives. I wish her to have some Christian literature to read so that she may remain true and faithful. Your magazine has been recommended. Please send it to the following address."

"My wife has long wished to write something for our magazine. She has written about Hezekiah, 'There was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion that Hezekiah showed them not.'" She applied this to home and community life.

"Thank you for deleting and changing much of what I wrote. The revision was very good. I realized afterward that I had been unkind."

"The padri sahib has kept my paper in his pocket for two days. I never get to read it until after he has finished with it, and he is liable to loan it or lose it."—(A pastor's wife).

"We take two magazines; both help us in our work; they are *Bashir ul Niswan* and the *Moga Teachers'*

Journal."—(The bride of a teacher).

Our paper had pages for Praise and Prayer, Suggestions for the missionary meeting, World news, India news, children's story, and home and child welfare. Articles were solicited from individuals fitted by experience and training to give expert advice on problems and needs of the Christian community. Projects of vital importance to the church and for which the women make sacrificial gifts, such as the home mission work, Women's Bible Training School, Theological Seminary, new churches, Tuberculosis sanitarium, blind school, Bible Society and Sialkot Convention were given publicity. Most of the material came to us written legibly in good idiomatic Urdu, so that practically no revision was necessary. Some came in very high sounding Urdu with numerous Persian and Arabic expressions. Some seemed to be translations from English in stilted, almost unintelligible Urdu, and some came in English. These had to be put into something even women could understand. We tried to get material interesting to women, depicting real character and purity of thought, expressed in keeping with Indian ideas and with illustrations familiar to the environment. Teachers, pastors, mothers, Seminary students, school children and missionaries worked unselfishly over material.

In order to meet a need for a suitable Children's Day service, our Secretary of Junior work prepared a program that we published and that was used and appreciated in many churches. This issue had a special cover with a picture of "Jesus and the Children" which was made possible by a gift of money from a missionary's daughter to cover the cost of good quality paper, and a cut sent us by Mrs. White, Editor of *The Womens Missionary Magazine.*

Our printing was done by non-Christians at a local press. The material was taken by the manager and given to a writer who wrote by hand the copy for final printing. This was brought for correction and approval. The manager was most helpful with suggestions and corrections. He was very skilful in condensing and expanding to meet space requirements. He knew the Scripture well enough to fill in omitted words and references when needed. The staff of the printing press came to have a very intimate knowledge of everything published and took great pride in the appearance and content of our paper.

Our magazine published many programs used by churches and Christian institutions, among which were the World Day of Prayer service, Thank Offering services, temperance, Christmas and health dramas and an issue of Gospel songs.

Christian Literature in Egypt

By MRS. RALPH T. McLAUGHLIN, On furlough, Philadelphia, Penna.

EGYPT is making great strides toward becoming a literate nation. Due to the new laws for compulsory education the percentage of literacy is rising and will undoubtedly increase, and with it the need and demand for more reading material. Before turning our attention to literature which is definitely Christian, we wish to mention three undertak-

ings which are not religious and yet are, in part, bound up with the missionary enterprise and, in part, an expression of Western friendship.

One is a magazine for educated women underwritten from America and promising well for a successful career—*El Talibah.* The second is a course on Home Arts prepared by Miss Nadig of Temple University, Philadelphia, after a personal study of the foods and home life of Egypt. It is proving very popular and much appreciated in Government circles as well. The third is a translation of the American pamphlet on "The Care and Feeding of Infants". As one envisages the educated woman of Egypt's tomorrow, one may be sure that all three of these enterprises have had a share in her success.

During the last two decades, the thought of all the Missions in Egypt has been increasingly engaged by the need for more literature that is definitely Christian. Publications appearing regularly are *Il Murshid,* edited by one of the Egyptian pastors, with helpful material on the Sabbath School lessons; *Risalat es Salam,* a magazine selling two thousand copies a month, put out by the Egypt General Mission (English) together with the Nile Mission Press; and *Orient and Occident* printed by the Church Missionary Society. The Synod of the Nile also publishes a paper called *Il Huda* which has earned a very genuine place in the heart of the church.

Aside from these magazines, the Nile Mission Press, just before the present war, was distributing annually 490,000 tracts and books. These were sermons, new books and reprints contributed by nationals as well as missionaries. Commentaries also have now been written by one of the Evangelical ministers on several books of the New Testament. The Presbyterian Press in Beirut, Syria, and the Church Missionary Society have both published many excellent books and pamphlets. The Central Literature Committee of the Near East Christian Council has distributed Christian reading matter in many lands. The W. C. T. U. also prints and distributes nearly 750,000 pages of material each year.

The American Literature Society, likewise, has done and is doing a great work. Their aid is divided among the several missions in Egypt and makes possible the printing of books, which its committee has reviewed and approved, and which the missions would otherwise not be able to publish.

There is a veritable dearth of Christian fiction. Young people with a great desire for something to read must either go unsatisfied or else turn to an indiscriminate array of books, arriving from Europe, which are often of questionable value. Here again, two pastors of the Evangelical church have made a distinct contribution by writing several books which have been very much read and enjoyed by Christian youth. In addition, various presses are translating into Arabic good fiction from other lands.

Thus many agencies are attempting to meet a thoroughly recognized and increasing need. The problem is not alone to find those who have the inclination and the ability to create helpful, useful Christian literature, but to find funds for publication and distribution.

Christian Literature in The Sudan

By MISS E. VERNA PILLOW, On furlough, Sterling, Kansas

IN the fall of 1940 a presbyterial was organized in the North Sudan. This joined together ten societies in seven cities. There was then a need for keeping these societies informed and supplied with material in order that there might be a close co-operation among them. Out of this need grew a new publication which bears the name *The Womens Missionary Magazine of the Sudan.*

This magazine is quite an unusual one for several reasons: First, there was no printing press, nor any funds with which to have it printed by a printing firm. But there was a typewriter and a duplicator. Secondly, a great many of the members could not read English. This difficulty was met by copies being written by hand in Arabic. Thirdly, as you doubtless have already suspected, this sort of work took a great deal of time—in fact, too much for the same group of people to take care of each month in addition to many other duties. So the plan was devised whereby each society equipped with necessary means, was to take its turn at furnishing the articles and publishing the magazine.

The publication contains accounts of presbyterial meetings, suggestions for society meetings, and information about work in other fields or countries. The South Sudan has been of particular interest to the northern societies and the object of much of their Thank Offering gifts.

The first copies of the magazine had a cover of stiff paper and bore the name in large letters in either English or Arabic with a map of the Sudan below the name.

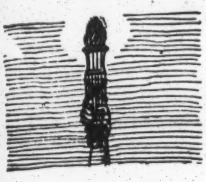
Other literature in the Sudan is also used by the missionary societies and members of the church. *El Huda,* an Arabic publication from Egypt, is received by several and is used in planning meetings; Sabbath school leaflets also come from Egypt.

One year some of the missionary societies used the mission study book, *Congo Crosses.* This entailed a good deal of work as it had to be reduced to very simple English so it could be read by those who knew some English, and then given in Arabic. The work was worthwhile as all gave evidence of taking a deep interest in the study. Other times stories have been taken from Arabic books which give the lives of some of the well-known Christian characters, such as —Mary Slessor of Calibar, David Livingstone, Florence Nightingale and Pandita Ramabai.

The need for, and the value of Christian literature has been recognized by all the missionaries of the Sudan, and some have, in co-operation with the Church Missionary Society, had a share in directing a reading room and the work of a colporter, as well as general distribution of literature published by the Nile Mission Press and the "Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge." A beginning was also made toward a vocabulary of middle Arabic that would be acceptable to the educated and yet simple enough to be read by the semi-literate. Christian literature has a far-flung field of labor in the Egyptian Sudan.

One Billion Illiterates

By FRANK C. LAUBACH*
Author Of Toward A Literate World And India Shall Be Literate



THERE are one billion illiterates in the world. This cold paper cannot tell you what that means. You think it is a pity they cannot read, but the real tragedy is, that they cannot speak, they are the silent victims, the forgotten men, driven like animals, mutely submitting in every age before and since the pyramids were built. The educated classes do not dream how they suffer. It is a human weakness not to realize suffering unless we hear a cry. The illiterate majority of the human race does not know how to make their cry reach us.

At least one billion are virtual slaves in one form or another. Take India for illustration. There are 340 millions of illiterates and almost every one of them is in debt all his life, he and his children and his children's children; he does not know how much his debt is, nor whether the interest is correct; the money-lender takes all the interest he can take and still keep his victim alive—for it would be silly to kill the animal that makes one rich. He gives him just enough food to keep him from starving and takes all the rest. In one form or another this is the black sorrow of nearly every illiterate in the world. They do not know enough to live without some leader to whom they are enslaved for life; more than half the human race are slaves yet, hungry, driven, diseased, afraid of this world and of demons in the next. This is the exact truth but they can be set free.

I have not only seen these people across Asia and Africa, but have sat beside many of them and taught them one by one, and have seen a light kindle in their eyes, love and hope dawn as they began to step out of blindness. I know that we can lift this tragic multitude out of their curse without great expense, by caring and knowing and doing our part.

Few people know that ninety per cent of China, ninety-two per cent of India, ninety-three per cent of the Moslem world, ninety-five per cent of the East Indies, ninety-eight per cent of non-Christian Africa, and ninety-nine per cent of Afghanistan, Iran, Irak, Turkestan and Arabia are illiterate. Few know that the four greatest non-Christian religions, the Hindus, the Buddhists, the Confucianists and the Animists over the world are over ninety per cent illiterate (Japan is the only nation professing a non-Christian religion that is high in literacy. Compulsory education years ago has made her almost entirely literate).

Few people realize that one thousand million illiterates will probably become literate within a century. How Christ must yearn for the leadership to be with His church, as the education of children has so largely been throughout nearly all the world. For they who teach this bil-

* Dr. Laubach has developed a simplified system of reading, which is being adopted in many mission fields.

lion can win their hearts.

As millions become literate there looms up the staggering task of providing them with good literature. They will be surging upon us before we are ready. Are we going to give them reading or who will? Will it be clean or not? Will it be a message of Christ or of atheism? Whatsoever is sown in their minds the world will reap. What will happen when these dumb people shall speak after the silence of centuries? In Asia and Africa very little simple reading matter that such people need has been written for Christ or for better living.

The new literates constitute a major world problem. The curve of literacy which has been nearly stationary since the beginning of history, is now turning upward. The present trend of that curve indicates that we may expect that within fifty years five hundred million new readers will step out of the silent ranks of illiteracy and speak for the first time. This is the most stupendous, the most arresting, the most ominous fact, perhaps on this planet.

A Harvest of Great Joy

By MISS FRANCES E. BROWN

NAWAB BIBI how many times have you and Taro read Mark?"

"Oh, at least a hundred times!" was the answer I received, and I believed it to be reasonably accurate. But let me tell you the story in its proper order.

By the first week of June the wheat harvest is all cut, much of the grain is threshed and winnowed, and the roads are often full of ox-carts loaded with the big sacks of grain coming to the market. So, the first week of June, hot though it may be, is a good time to invite girls from the district to spend a week at the compound learning a little more about reading. Two of this year's group included Nawab Bibi and Taro.

They are both from Hari Singhwala, where three years ago we spent a month and many began to learn to read. Nawab Bibi had been married into that village only shortly before, a tall, well-built, round-faced happy girl who laughed on any and every occasion. Even the primer, "The Key of Knowledge," would send

"Each one teach one"—Adult Literacy Campaign. Miss Brown has been giving special attention to this interesting new phase of work in India.

her into peals of laughter at intervals, and she made slower progress than some others in the village. Nor has that sense of humor been appreciably diminished by the death of her first wee son nor by the careful attention she is giving to the chubby six-months-old daughter who is now the joy of her life. Taro was a bit older, with two small children clinging to her as she learned her daily lesson, but she persevered slowly despite their frequent interruptions. Others in the group made more brilliant progress than Nawab Bibi and Taro, but eventually they finished the primer and went on to read the little books that follow, "The Sower," "The Light of the World," "The Story of the Cross," the Psalms in metrical version, and many others. No one helped them regularly: no woman in the village can read the Persian script; their pastor lives in another village; their husbands are illiterate. But they persistently got help here a little and there a little.

The great day came when they began to read the Gospel of Mark, "The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." It was hard work, but they read the whole of Mark. They began and read it again, and yet again. So when I asked Nawab Bibi this June how many times they had read Mark she answered:

"Oh, at least a hundred times!"

"Do you know much of it by heart?" I continued, and she smiled assent.

So I began to repeat the first chapter and she and Taro took it up and repeated verse after verse. I switched to the second chapter and they took the words out of my mouth and went on. I tried a later chapter with the same result.

This June Nawab Bibi and Taro reaped a harvest of great joy from all their labor. I put copies of John in their hands, and they read the first chapter so easily I could hardly believe it was new material. Four, five, *six* chapters were finished, and then Taro began to talk about going home, for, said she, "Kaka (little boy) will be crying for me." Kaka is her third child and the fourth was in her arms. I begged her not to go, saying it was her heart that was crying and not Kaka, and holding before her the goal of reading all of John. So she decided to stay. In six days those two women finished reading all of John. Sometimes they would read ten lines without receiving any help in deciphering a single word! Their joy was beautiful to behold as Taro asked, "Now we can read the whole New Testament, can't we?" I agreed that they could, and sent them home with new copies of Matthew as their next step.

Some of the contestants in a Reading Contest held in 1941 in Bar Presbyterial, at Sargodha.

A Better Program for Women's, Young Women's Societies and for Girls' Circles

A Few Suggestions, Any One Or More Of Which May Be Used In Any Society

THE LEADER and her group should begin early to plan for this, the first meeting of the new church year. Good programs do not happen: they are the result of thought and prayer and work—much work. The purpose of a program is to inform and to inspire.

THE SUBJECT is on the broad field of Christian literature, including the Bible: the special feature is the 50th anniversary of the Literature Department of the WGMS.

CREATE ATMOSPHERE for this meeting. A display of literature of various kinds will be appealing. Leaflets arranged on a large poster will be good advertising; church papers and copies of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* may be the means of interesting more readers. A display of Bibles will attract attention: Family Bibles, old Bibles, new Bibles, different translations, different language Bibles and, of course, a copy of the khaki-bound, zippered New Testament which the church is sending to her boys in the service.

A BIBLE POSTER—a large colored translation poster, showing the more than 1,000 languages and dialects into which the Bible has been translated will be sent free by the American Bible Society, Park Avenue and 57th St., New York City. Let a few members try to identify a certain number of translations.

GIVE FAVORS: Let no one go away from the meeting without a leaflet bearing a message. Free copies of two leaflets, "Calling All Women," and "Four Parables," may be had from the Literature Department. Five leaflets: "John 3:16," "Blind Card," "This One Thing," "Man Cannot Live by Bread Alone," and "Good Neighbors," may be had free from the American Bible Society. (We suggest sending postage in both cases.) For a ten-cent packet specially selected see page 446. If the hostesses wish to make these "favors" attractive dress them up with a colored paper cover or a plain cover with a bright flower or decoration from a seed catalogue or a magazine, or the picture of a missionary.

A VERSE SPEAKING CHOIR: Perhaps there are no singers in your group willing to furnish special music. Try a "verse speaking choir." Have a quartet or sextet choose a suitable poem, a psalm, or a hymn, rehearse it until they all become very familiar with the lines and then give it in unison. To heighten the effect, the choir robes may be borrowed for the service.

CANDLES always lend themselves to a night meeting, and may be used effectively with the hymn, "The Light of the World is Jesus."

FLASHES FROM THE FIELDS must not be overlooked.

UNDERGIRD WITH PRAYER this program. Make it so interesting, so full of information, so spirited, so stimulating, that every member and every invited guest will go away with a new desire to become a bearer of the Light.

Suggested Devotional Service

For Program—Study on "THE TORCH OF LIGHT—50th ANNIVERSARY OF THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT"

By (MRS. C. W.) ELSIE WEHLING FULTON

Devotional Theme for year beginning April, 1942: LIGHTS IN THE BIBLE.

April: The Lights of an Army.—Judges 7:20.

(*From cardboard cut seven pieces in the shape of pitchers, each about ten inches high. From the center of each of these, cut out a letter—V from the first, I from the second, and so on, spelling out the word, "VICTORY." Attach a strip of cardboard to the back of each pitcher to serve as an easel. Stand the pitchers in a row on a table at the front of the room, and behind each pitcher place a lighted candle, electric bulb, or flash light. Thin yellow tissue paper, pasted over the letter-openings, adds to the lighting effect.*)

Opening Scripture: Psalm 97.

Song: Bible Songs Hymnal No. 53.

Poem: (Words of B. S. H. No. 259.)

Song: B. S. H. No. 44.

Leader:

"Ye are called with a holy calling
The light of the world to be;
To lift up the Lamp of the Gospel
That others the Light may see."

Song: B. S. H. No. 32.

Bible Story: (Have some one give a review of Judges 6:1 to 7:15.)

Leader:

Lights have many uses—too many to be enumerated here. They had an important part in the victory of the army of Gideon over the invading hordes of Midian. By successive elimination, the number of men in Gideon's army was reduced to three hundred. Their equipment for fighting and their strategy for battle were most unusual. Each of the three hundred had a trumpet, a lamp, and a pitcher. The pitcher was to conceal the lighted lamp until the pitcher would be broken, permitting the light to shine forth. When the battle began, the blowing of the trumpets, the crashing of the pitchers, the flashing of the lights, and the battle cry, "The sword of the Lord, and of Gideon," struck terror to the hearts of the Midianites. They fled, leaving Gideon's army victorious. It was a great victory; but it was a God-given vistory.

Napoleon, who was commonly regarded as a great military leader, once said that God is always on the side of the strongest battalions. Nowhere is there more emphatic refutation of this statement than in the end of Napoleon's own career. His strong battalions were crushed. The great battles which he had planned were lost, and he himself ended his life an exile in the lonely island of St. Helena. Today war, devastating and cruel, is casting its dark shadow over the whole world. We need to remember and be encouraged by remembering that "God is within the shadow, keeping watch above His own."

Poem:

"I bind unto myself today
The power of God to hold and lead,
His eye to watch, His might to stay,
His ear to hearken to my need.
The wisdom of my God to teach,
His hand to guide, His shield to ward,
The Word of God to give me speech,
His heavenly host to be my guard."

Scripture: Ps. 119:105, 130; Jeremiah 23:29.

Song: B. S. H. No. 137.

Prayer: (For suggestions see 1, 2 and 3 Days in the Prayer Cycle.)

Closing Song: B. S. H. No. 77.

Unveiling the Portrait of Mrs. J. B. Hill

A VERY beautiful memorial service was held in the assembly room of the Publication Building, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, when the portrait of Mrs. J. B. Hill was unveiled.

Mrs. William S. Cook presided, and loving tributes were either given or written messages read, from those who had had long years of fellowship and cooperation with Mrs. Hill.

Mrs. J. D. Sands, President of the Board of Directors, gave a review of Mrs. Hill's long years of service. Treasurers, who had, over the years, sent their monies and received sweet messages with their receipts, spoke of their appreciation of one, who was not just a treasurer, but a friend to each of them. These tributes were paid by Miss Luella C. Donnan, Treasurer of Lake Presbyterial for 46 years; Mrs. William H. Ewing, Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer of Monongahela Presbyterial for 35 years; Mrs. T. D. McKeag, Treasurer Allegheny Presbyterial for 25 years; Mr. Robert L. Latimer, Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions for 45 years.

Mrs. Hill's faithfulness as a member of the Executive Committee of the Women's General Missionary Society was given by Miss Lillian M. Robertson and Mrs. R. W. Caldwell, the Secretary and President of the WGMS.

Mrs. Ira Gribben told of Mrs. Hill's Loyalty and devotion in her home church, as a teacher in the Sabbath School, as Superintendent of the Junior Department of the S.S.—more than fifty years of service given to teaching the children of the church.

Miss Sallie E. Dickey and Miss Dora Mason expressed the appreciation of the missionaries on the fields at home and abroad.

The beautiful sonnet, written by Mrs. Elsie Wehling Fulton which appeared in the October 1941 issue of *The Womens Missionary Magazine* was on the back of the attractive programs.

At the close of this part of the program the whole audience pressed into the Board Room and stood reverently as Mrs. Harriet Boobyer in the following fitly chosen words, unveiled the portrait:

"In memory of her gentleness and humbleness, her love for the Lord and her trust in Him;

"In memory of her faithfulness, as day by day, in her church and in the office she used time and talents, energy and possessions in her Master's service;

"In memory of her missionary spirit that led her to give her best where God had placed her, so that the Gospel might be preached in this and other lands;

"We unveil this picture of Mrs. J. B. Hill, dear friend and sister Christian and beloved Board member. May her sweet life inspire each one of us, for

'We, too, would faithful be to do His will,
And thus the purpose of this life fulfill.' "

The service closed with prayer by Miss Ida B. Little.

The Jericho Road

By GLENN P. REED, Chairman, United Presbyterian Committee on World Relief Appeals

ONE day a priest and a Levite each in turn saw a pitifully wounded man lying by the side of the Jericho Road. To escape the inconvenience of doing something about it, each one simply stepped to the other side of the road and passed by.

"Today such an escape would be impossible. They would find yet another suffering one on the other side. To the right of them, to the left of them, in front of and behind them, wherever they might turn, they would see those who have fallen among international bandits. Their gaze would meet the pleading eyes of others suffering physical and mental torture.

"The Jericho Road of today symbolically encircles the globe. All of us are compelled to travel it. There are no pleasant side avenues of escape, no detours to complacent oblivion. Whatever our position in life, we have found ourselves irresistibly moving into the common experiences of world disaster. This modern highway is so crowded with pitiable and anguished humanity that there is no other side to which to run in avoidance of them. We must face their need as directly and effectively as did the Good Samaritan in the single case that confronted him.

"Who are these distressed ones that are so persistently crowding in upon our consciences? They are the 50,000,000 Chinese who have lost their homes, their possessions and oftentimes their loved ones. They are the more than 3,000,000 prisoners of war who are subjected to the deteriorating menaces of the wretched camps. They are the hundreds of thousands of refugees, undernourished and starving children, missionaries on the fields that have been orphaned from their mother churches in Europe, and those to whom life has become an outlook of blank despair.

"Since it is impossible to pass by on the other side, it must be regarded as both an opportunity and a challenge to minister to such need as speedily and effectively as possible. The Good Samaritan proved his full understanding of the emergency need confronting him and the genuineness of his sympathy when he ultimately opened his purse and made complete provision for the wounded man's care. These are times when the substantial witness of our gifts of money is the most convincing evidence of our compassion. This does not mean that our prayers and our gifts of materials are not needed. It does mean that our money will reach farthest in this crisis and serve the largest scope of human need."

These paragraphs, quoted from a leaflet printed by a sister denomination,* should strike home to the heart of every Christian in America the truth of his position in the world today. Modern means of communication have contracted our world and set our feet upon a common

*Northern Baptist Convention.

Jericho Road that is the highway for all humanity. The human wreckage upon it and beside it is appalling. But we must not be appalled. Other Christian men and women are kneeling by the roadside, binding up the wounds, feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, bringing hope to the despairing. Let us kneel down and get busy. In our ministry to each single sufferer we are ministering to the Master Himself.

THE AREAS OF NEED

Eight areas of dire need lay a peculiar claim upon the Christian conscience. In all of these efficient Christian agencies are at work. These have been approved by General Assembly's Committee on World Relief Appeals as channels for our ministry of compassion. Four accredited agencies (Central Bureau for Evangelical Churches of Europe, Church Committee for China Relief, Friends' Service Committee, American Committee for Christian Refugees) are engaged in service for war refugees in three continents; one organization (Y. W. C. A. War Emergency) reaches out to women and girls under special strain because of war; another (International Committee of the Y. M. C. A.) is the internationally recognized agency for service among prisoners of war; upon another well known society (American Bible Society) has fallen the task of providing the Word of God to men in every continent; yet another (International Missionary Council) helps sustain the Missions and indigenous Churches cut off from parent organizations in Europe.

Our United Presbyterian Church has had some share in the ministry of these relief agencies: a special "Orphaned Missions" appeal in 1940 was responded to by gifts totaling $11,926; approximately $16,000 has been received by three of the relief agencies through White Gift offerings in 1940 and 1941; since its formation by the General Assembly meeting in Indianapolis in May, 1941, the Committee on World Relief Appeals has channeled slightly more than $3,000 to all the agencies which represent us across the war stricken world.

OUR SHARE

In view of the magnitude of human need, our share in lifting the mantle of suffering and despair from the shoulders of our fellow men has been pitifully small. In view of the rapid enlargement of areas upon which war's blight has fallen, our share in saving the bodies and minds and souls of our brethren caught in its relentless sweep must be increased many fold.

A minimum goal for the Protestant Churches in 1942 has been set at a little more than $2,000,000. That is but a few cents for each of the millions whom we can actually reach, and what are a *few cents for a whole year*? What would a few cents mean if the starving child were *your* child? What would a few cents mean if the war prisoner in the "barbed-wire legion" were *your brother or son?* What would a few cents mean if the missionary or infant church were in one of *our mission fields* and inaccessible to us? What would a few cents mean if the hand stretched out for the Bible were

your hand? What would a few cents mean if the family stripped of every possession and wandering in a strange land were *your* family?

An inadequate goal, we say. But what of our part in it? The share suggested for the United Presbyterian Church is $46,000. This is only 25 cents per member in our Church —but it is $14,000 more than we have given in the past *two* years. Have we been trying to "pass by on the other side"? We shall see, and stop, and kneel down by the side of our bruised and battered brethren only when some of us have been stabbed into consciousness of what we have been doing and take upon ourselves the task of making the rest of us aware.

Frankly, good readers of *The Womens Missionary Magazine,* we are appealing to you to help all of us get down on our knees by the side of humanity along the Jericho Road of the World. The Board of Administration of our Church, at its meeting in December, 1941, recommended that an offering be received for World Relief in all our congregations on Easter Sabbath, April 5, 1942. A few good women in each congregation can enable our Church to reach her inadequate goal of $46,000 with an offering for the sake of the Risen Christ that day. God's Word in I John 3:16, 17 provides the basis of our appeal to you and through you to the United Presbyterian Church.

A PRAYER FOR OUR SONS IN THE SERVICE

By REVEREND JOHN F. FEDDERS, D.D., Milwaukee, Wis.

O Lord of Life, Strength of the strong, and Best Guide of our youth, hear the petitions we direct to Thy throne of grace. The anguish of a nation's strong fatherhood and the tears of its sacrificing motherhood, prompt our prayer for the lads of our land. They are leaving our homes and altars to heed their country's call. They are shouldering arms, flying planes and manning ships in defense of the flag. Here in the friendly pew and at the family altar we follow them in dusty march, airy flight and stormy sea with our petitions for safety. May their remoteness from sanctuary and home not lessen their grip on the virtues of a royal manhood. Defend them, O Lover of Youth, from the sinister, soul-destroying scarlet siren whose lures lead only to dark disgrace and dishonor. These are our sons, Thy choice gift to us, and our hearts' desire is that they may serve our country's cause unsullied and unstained. Above all, dear Lord, guide them by Thy Holy Spirit that they may keep sacred in the crowded routine of each day, some fraction of time for prayer tryst with Thee. Remind them of their baptismal covenant and confirmation convictions that they may be true soldiers of the Cross. And our hearts' plea, O Father of all the nations of the earth, is that enduring peace may soon come to supplant the sword, hate giving way to love and brutality to brotherhood. In the Name of our Elder Brother, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

—*Lutheran Woman's Work.*

Annual Conferences

Meeting of the Home Missions Council

By MRS. JOSEPH M. HEAGEN

THE Home Missions Council of North America, representing twenty-three denominations, met in annual session at the Hotel Hildebrecht, Trenton, New Jersey, January 9-12, 1942. The two days preceding were devoted to committee meetings and it was the privilege of the writer and Mrs. Harriet S. Boobyer, delegates from the Women's Board, to sit in and enjoy the discussions on "Town and Country" and "Inter-racial" committees. Two other United Presbyterians were in attendance at the Council—Mrs. John P. White, editor of this Magazine, and Dr. Wm. F. Rotzler, Board of American Missions.

Two outstanding addresses of the meeting were given at the opening dinner session Friday evening by the Rev. G. Pitt Beers, D.D., president of the Council, and by Mr. Charles P. Taft, Assistant Coordinator in the Office of the Coordinator of Health Welfare and Related Defense Activities. Both messages were very timely in the present conditions.

The sessions Saturday and Monday were crowded with reports of the field work carried on through the various projects of the Council, the organizational work involved in working out mergers, and promotional work.

Few of us realize the great scope of work being carried on through the projects, namely—(1) Religious work in seven of the Government schools for the American Indians — (2) Migrant work, with programs in various phases of development in nineteen States. The study of shifting populations during the past year brought this human need to the front in the interest of church women, and many local church and civic groups are assisting in this work—(3) Government projects and share-cropper work. One of the outstanding achievements in national missions is the cooperative religious work that is in progress at the several government projects at Boulder Dam, Grand Coulee Dam and the Shasta Dam, and the new Government Homestead settlement at Arthurdale, West Virginia. The share-croppers are a neglected group in our country. One-third of the population of our country is in the South, but that section receives only one-tenth of the national income. The share-cropper is a great economic problem. There are two and one-half million of them; they own no land and mechanized farming is making their situation more precarious. The government policy of reduction of cotton acreage has meant eviction and unemployment. The weekly income of an entire share-cropper family is often as little as $4.00. Their homes are one or two-roomed shacks where often a family of eight or ten people must eat, sleep and give birth to children. Few have any sanitary conveniences of any kind. They are easy prey to tuberculosis, pellagra, and malaria. They are not all Negroes; about 56% are white people. The Council is interested in both races.

Let me suggest that you secure a "project map" — (38"x24", price 25c, Home Missions Council, 297 4th Avenue, New York City) for your society. The scope of the Council's work is clearly shown and will give you a better understanding of the work.

The observance of the World Day of Prayer, sponsored by the Home Missions Council and Foreign Missions Conference, is a splendid opportunity for us to show our interest in world-wide missions. The records show that there were at least one thousand more observances of the Day in 1941 than the previous year.

May February 20th this year find us coming into His courts for prayer and praise and with an offering.

Leaders and speakers at this Conference emphasized the world situation today and the difficulties facing the future of home missionary enterprises but called to our attention the great need that we be alive to the major forces at work in the world and the effect which they may have upon home missions.

Few can look at the world today with unmixed optimism. America may remain sufficiently aloof from the general world situation as to escape much that other nations are bound to suffer. America may escape the devastation of her cities and the wholesale death of her citizenry, but she cannot escape the effect of a world which is torn asunder socially, economically and politically. American home missions will unquestionably face a nation which will have much within its life that is incompatible with the interests of the home missionary enterprise but which will need her ministry desperately.

America has already committed herself to a military program of such magnitude that, even though it came to an end tomorrow, the debt burden would be staggering. Funds for home missions are bound to be difficult to secure.

War creates anger and hate, hence home missions is likely to find itself in a world out of sympathy with brotherhood.

On the other hand, there is a very real possibility that the need of the ministry of home missions in a world that is shattered by strife may win recognition. There is always a place in the world for one who comes to serve and save, and may we be ready, for perchance we may be "called to the Kingdom for such a time as this" and may the Church of God in America move forward "as a mighty army" to do its part in bringing the World to Christ.

The Foreign Misssons Conference

By MRS. HARRIET S. BOOBYER

I SUPPOSE that at no other time has the Foreign Missions Conference met in the face of such world-changing conditions. We were reminded constantly that this is the year 1942 "A.D.S." ("After December Seventh") and that the challenge of foreign missions today is truly stated in the subject of the program, "The On-Going Mission in War-Time —And Beyond." We have a double concern today: we must carry on in those areas "of danger and opportunity" where work can yet be done,

and in the interim of interrupted work, we must perfect plans and prepare forces which will enable us to adequately meet the world-wide needs of peace time.

Through the convention programs we looked out over Latin America in this her "day of days"; over the great land of China, where in "free" China they cry for more missionaries and teachers and where in "occupied" China courageous Christians carry on; over Japan "where we cannot pierce the darkness and the silence between the Japanese Christians and ourselves"; over Germany and Burma and Thailand and Korea, and other continents and the island world caught in the madness of war. It was a sad picture in many ways, and yet in many ways it was one for renewed courage and trust. God, in His lovingkindness brought the Christians of the World Church together at Oxford and Edinburgh and Madras in recent years so that there was carried back into all lands a sense of unity and strength that will mightily hearten the souls of Christians of all nations today. We know also that God uses "the extremity of man" for His own good purposes and that the promise is, "When Thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants will learn righteousness." We, of the United Presbyterian Church, are seeing the wonderful way in which our Ethiopian Christians have come through their years of tribulation with firm faith and a strengthened church.

Those of the Conference faced also the problems of the Home Church that are related to the fact that we are living in a land "geared to war" where soon one out of every three men will be dislodged from his ordinary life to go into war work and where time, energy and money will be demanded to the limit. We shall need to keep the heart and soul of America warm, receptive and responsive to missionary appeal.

Dr. John R. Mott, in looking forward to the coming fiftieth anniversary of the Foreign Missions Conference, gave a masterly address on "The Second Fifty Years." His summing up of the gains of this half-century brought feelings of great gratitude and thanksgiving for the way the mission cause has advanced the world around. Now comes war and to many minds "missions are at a standstill," "the work of a generation is lost," but "No," says Dr. Mott, "God never manifests Himself when things are easy. He rides upon the storm. If we go out in humility, as 'not having attained,' honest and fearless, questioning ourselves as to our past failures, calling upon our leaders to frequent the mountains of vision, warning, transfiguration and sacrifice, our best days for Christ lie ahead."

Impressions of the Conference

By MISS LOIS D. KINGAN, On furlough, New York City.

SHORTLY after coming home from Egypt there came to me a booklet called, "Now More Than Ever—The Christian Mission in War Time." I read the booklet and was very much helped, and discovered it to be a rich report of The Foreign Missions Conference. Perusing it

carefully I discovered also that our own Dr. Glenn Reed had had part in the discussions and had given a most helpful closing address, which was printed I believe almost in full. From that time I wanted to attend such a conference. Extended furloughs do have compensations, as I was permitted to attend the annual Foreign Missions Conference held in Trenton, N. J., in January. Gathered in this great conference were representatives of 123 boards and agencies of foreign missions of the United States and Canada. It truly was a great fellowship marked, as Dr. Ross has put it, by "penitence, prayer, worship, courage, planning and a solid determination to go forward with our Lord and His followers all over the world." The theme this year was most fitting, and a courageous one, "THE ON-GOING MISSION IN WAR-TIME AND BEYOND." I feel almost helpless to give in a few words my impressions.

I liked the note struck by Dr. Ross early the first morning, "*Together,* we face the increased demands of this day. . . . Not potential powers but power in action counts." It seemed to me as I sat in that session, hands were stretched across many seas to grasp the hands of missionaries and national Christians who are carrying on these days. I was continually impressed with the word, "action" as someone put it, "There is no value in being moved to tears if not to action—nothing weeps more hopelessly than a cake of ice." Of course, due to war, relief was much spoken of but I was delighted to hear again and again the emphasis being put upon spiritual relief. " 'Man does not live by bread alone . . .' If it is despicable to give a stone when a man needs bread, so it is to give only bread when he needs so much more." The thought came, Oh, that all that is being sent to these foreign countries to destroy might be going to feed them spiritually and physically! What a great hunger would be satisfied! It was thrilling to know how the International Missionary Council had been able to help 120 missions in distress due to the war. It was further thrilling to know that some of the countries still at war are reassuming their responsibilities for their missions and missionaries and are training missionaries to be sent out as soon as the war is over.

Dr. Mott made these challenging statements: "What Christianity *might* do should keep us awake at night. . . ." also, "We do not think, we do not pray, for conclusive thinking means action." "Let us use," said Dr. Mott, "these significant terms in our Christian planning, 'Preparedness,' Priorities,' 'ALL OUT' i.e. lost in our Lord—in a great adventure—in China, Latin America, or in Africa; this is the time of times to expand our plan of living to give the living Christ to living men."

"At Pearl Harbor we lost the initiative. Are we not," said Dr. Van-Ess, "losing the initiative for Christ?" "Get back to Christ," someone has said. We were reminded that Christ was not behind us but beyond. "Let us do," said Van-Ess, "not big things in a little way but little things in a big way—Christ's way."

It was truly fine fellowship and I am ever glad to be a part of the great missionary fellowship and enterprise.

Good News from Far Countries

India

MRS. JOSEPH ALTER, Editor, Zafarwal, India

TRAINING PASTORS' WIVES

By MRS. HARRIS J. STEWART,
Gujranwala, India

In America when a young theologue chooses his wife, she has already had considerable training, and so enters upon the work of a pastor's wife with almost, if not equally, as much training as he.

Not so with our Pastors' wives in India. When a budding young pastor enters the Theological Seminary, he usually has already acquired not only a wife, but one or more children. A few years ago in the graduating class were three men, each of whom had a wife and seven children. Hence, training Pastors' wives in India is a full-sized job, and one in which we feel our only hope of success lies in a daily dependence upon our perfect Teacher.

Very often this work of training Pastors' wives must begin at the very bottom. Occasionally one or two will have finished eighth grade; and how delighted we are when one comes to us who has had one or more years in our High School at Pathankot, or its equivalent in some other Mission school. Or perhaps there may be one who has taken Normal training and has been teaching for a year or two. Such women are most valuable in supplying a leaven in our class work—and we long for the day when, if we must have the responsibility of training these wives, that they may all be better trained intellectually, as well as spiritually, before entering Seminary. Their's is the same high calling as that of their husbands, and it is a rare woman who can fulfill it adequately. Several come to mind as I write who are nobly carrying on by the side of their husbands, and their's are the healthy, forward-moving congregations of today.

You ask, "Just what kind of women do you have?" Almost all kinds, would be a complete answer, perhaps. Take this year's group: One spent several years in one of our Mission Boarding Schools, then took Teacher-training, finally filling the position of Head-Mistress in a Government school in a village in Rawalpindi District. A year ago she came with her husband (who has had two years

Wives and children of the students in the Theological Seminary, Gujranwala, India.

of college training), and a son of three years. They now have also a baby daughter. She is our outstanding future Pastor's wife at present. Now take the other extreme — the husband finished eighth grade; his wife being entirely un-read. They have three children. Our hearts fail us when we read such a report on the application blank provided for entry into Seminary. He, of course, must enter the lower class, called "Bible Training School," rather than the Seminary proper—and she, well she must begin at the bottom of everything! However, you would be surprised what three years of training along many lines can do for a woman who, to us, seems so ignorant and hopeless. It is only as we say, with Paul, "By the Grace of God," that it can be done. Two such women graduated last year, having learned to read the New Testament during the three years they were in Seminary. They began with "Ilm di Kunji," (key to knowledge). Next we used some Government school Primers and first readers, followed by simple stories of "The Sower," "The Lost Son," etc., then lastly the New Testament, which we require them to read, if possible, before they receive a Certificate, or Diploma, on graduation day. Would you not be pleased if you, who had never read before, became able to read the Bible for yourself?

Sometimes we wonder if we are really accomplishing anything—but when we see the joy that is written on the face of one of these "daughters of the Punjab" when she has finally overcome those seemingly unsurmountable difficulties, and is able to read the Bible for herself we decide it is worth while!

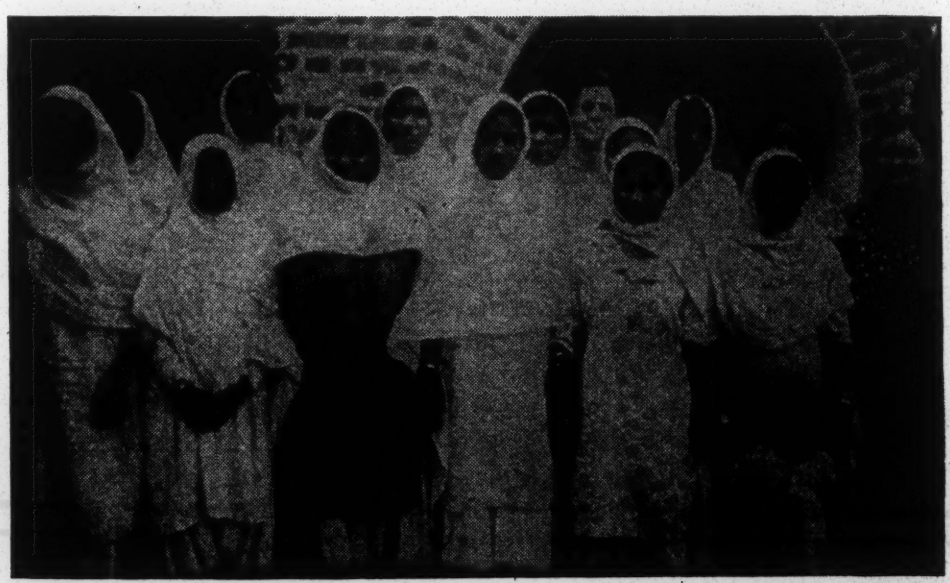
The Sudan

MRS. VIRGIL F. DOUGHERTY, Editor, Nasir, The Sudan

HOME AFTER A YEAR'S EXILE

There can be no chronological order in the correspondence that comes from our foreign fields. Recent letters from the Sudan came by air mail in less than three weeks. A letter written by Miss Soule September 11 was received February 2. Mrs. Dougherty's letter from which the following excerpts are taken was written September 5. The news items that follow were received within the past three weeks. —Editor.

This summer we sent Ruth and Madeline to America. It seemed the hardest separation we have yet been called upon to make, though I well remember how torn apart my heart



The wives of the students in the Theological Seminary (1941), Gujranwala, India. These also are students, preparing themselves for service.

was when we thought it necessary to send our three older children to Alexandria when we were in Ethiopia. Of all the sacrifices that a missionary is called upon to make this separation from our children is the hardest.

After seeing the girls as far as Cairo I started on the long trip back to Nasir with the younger girls. We traveled steadily for eleven days and were on the desert forty-eight hours with only a stop for an hour at Khartum. We had one night in Doleib Hill for which we were thankful. We made the last lap of the journey in a small launch.

When the steamer stopped at Kodak three of our school boys came to greet us; they are at a government school farm, learning new methods of agriculture. Their Nuer names are hard to spell, their Christian names are David, Daniel and Obadiah.

The most of our friends in Nasir were at the church service when our boat arrived. Soon after we were meeting and greeting them. One man from Ethiopia fell down before me to kiss my feet. This is an Ethiopian custom but not a Nuer custom. Certainly not! The Nuers are too proud a race to do a thing of that kind, for which I admire them. They even call themselves *The People*. I was very glad the next morning when the women came to see me. They sat on mats on the veranda and I served them tea and bananas. I played the victrola for them. Even though they cannot understand the words they love the rhythm and clap their hands and sway their bodies with the time of the music. My heart goes out to these women who have so few of life's blessings.

Yesterday as I went for a walk I saw a fine baby named—of all things—"Radio." I hear there are several babies with this name. I suppose the radio is the most wonderful thing they know of and the babies —*their* babies are wonderful. This will help in years to come to determine how old the child is; he will know that he was born about the first time there was a radio in Nasir. For instance my cook is called "The Dyke Broke," so he knows he was born the year of the big flood.

This morning we took a walk down the river to see the new house Miss Soule bought from the government after the Belgian troops left. She is having it "white-washed" (with ashes) and the grass cleared away from around it. She is opening a village center there and has many plans ahead to make it a real evangelistic center for women and girls.

As I write it is sticky, hot, close, oppressive, but there is a full moon shining brightly on the river transforming even the drooping papaya trees into things of beauty.

Irene Dougherty

BETTER BABIES IN THE SUDAN

Never a dull day at the Hill! Every day brings its surprises and change in routine. Just this morning we started off by having the clinic inspected by a doctor from Malalal — before breakfast. When I heard that the doctor was coming I ran over to let Bwogo, the clinic helper, know he was coming and to be sure everything was in good shape. We aren't inspected often so it causes a bit of a flurry when the time comes. In spite of the fact that many people have gone off across the Nile for grain this time of the year, we still have a daily average of 85 to 90 patients. About two-thirds of these or more are children with sore eyes. Whether there are many wounds depends, as a rule, on whether there have been many village fights or not. . . . The two little black babies that have been brought in here because their mothers have died are doing very well down in the native hut where they recently were placed. The native woman who cares for them is so good with them, loving them like her

own. She is a fine Christian and every Sabbath she goes out to her own village to teach songs and Bible verses, explaining them as she goes. She said last week when she returned in the evening that the people there in her village want a church. They are willing to build it themselves. They are very enthusiastic listeners and are learning all this woman is teaching them. She has learned to make formulas for the babies although I have to do the changing of amounts when it is necessary. The oldest baby is now a year old and is about ready to go back to her village—I have had her since she was three days old. The youngest one is certainly no prize baby but she was not brought in until she had already become quite thin and emaciated. She is gaining weight now and is looking like a real baby at last. We thank God for all the manifestations of His love and power here.

Mary Ewing

EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS

Late rains are saving for the people some of their late grain crop; in some cases they will even get a second crop off of their early grain fields so we are rejoicing with the people.

The little girls' school on the compound has been moved to the south village now and there is much better attendance and interest, which gladdens our hearts.

A second center has been opened at the far end of the north village, attendance and interest very good. The girls are delighted with their quilt patches and are doing some neat sewing and learning something about clean hands.

The Educational Conference is in full swing with an attendance of about thirty. One day is to be given to seeing the work here at Doleib Hill including the village work. From the subjects called for in discussion we are going to have a busy two weeks and I fear will not be able to accomplish all that is desired. I must away to the Conference.

Elsie E. Grove

INSPIRING TRIP TO SAYO

Dr. Dougherty returned from his trip to Sayo arriving home in Nasir about midnight of November 8. He made the return trip down from Gambela in a dugout canoe with an out-board motor, making in twenty-one hours' running time a trip that had taken five days up stream by river steamer. He was not granted permission to go to Gorei but he reported a most satisfactory and inspiring time at Sayo.

He met many old friends who had given up hope of ever seeing any of the American missionaries again. He found seven churches—all well attended—where there had been only one when our missionaries left Sayo five years before. The people were rejoicing at the return of their two pastors from an eleven months' imprisonment during which the Italians sentenced them to death and they were saved by the timely arrival of British soldiers. During the absence of the pastors regular services were carried on as usual by the elders but in some ways the churches were only marking time. Now that their ministers have been restored to them they are looking forward to greater things in the future. They have a deep sense of the presence and overshadowing care of their Master.

Mrs. V. F. Dougherty

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Egypt

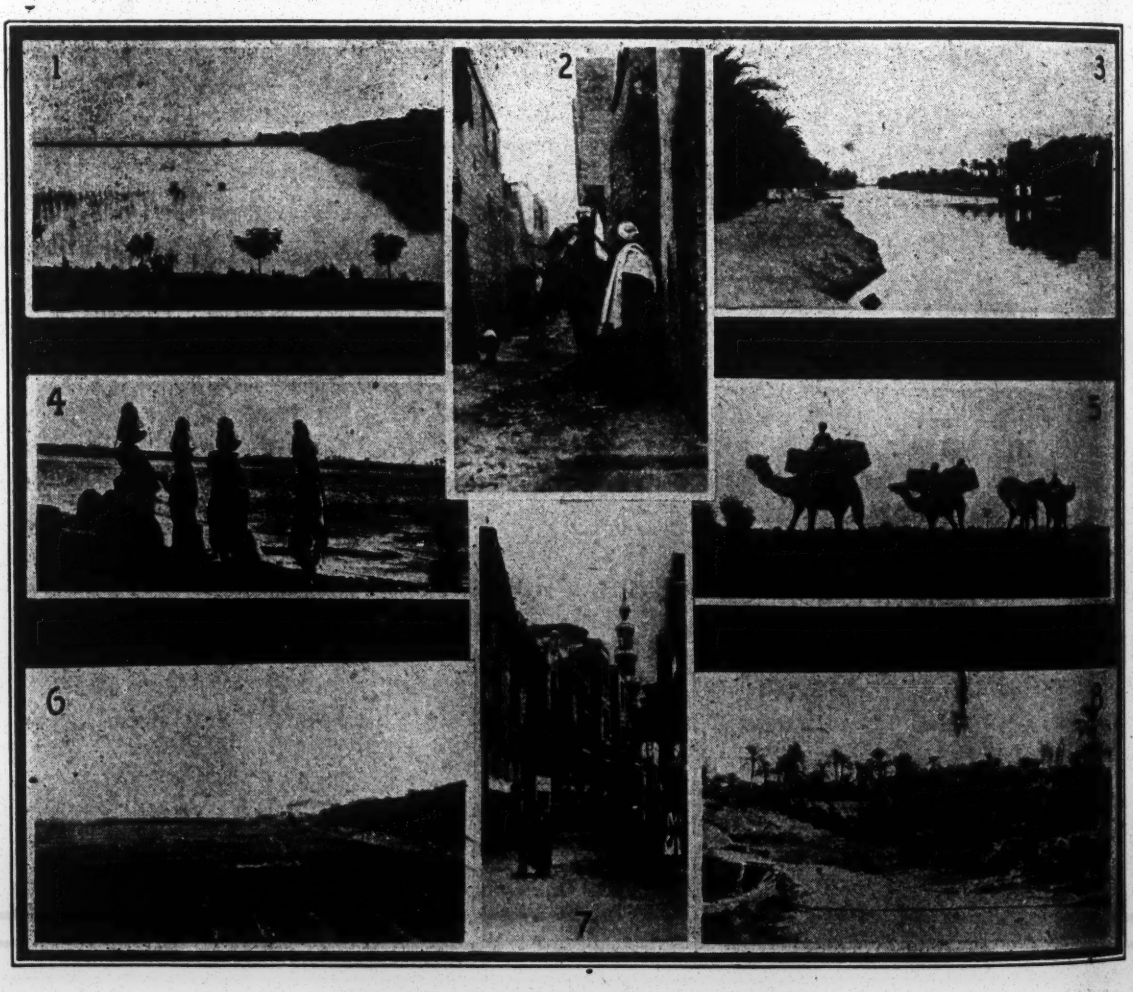
MRS. EWING M. BAILEY, Editor, Minia, Egypt

ALONG EGYPT'S WATERWAYS

By MRS. EWING M. BAILEY

The Story Of An Unusual Trip On A House Boat Through The Canals Of Middle Egypt

At the time of writing we are enjoying a trip the like of which has never been undertaken in its entirety by the missionaries before, and which is unlikely to recur in our own lives. That is a trip on the mission boat *Ibis* from Assiut to Edmu by way of the canals. The necessity for this comes from the fact that we feel more strongly than ever that we must be in the same location as our work. Most of you know that last spring we moved to Edmu, to a villa belonging to a land owner. We had been in it for less than three months when the house and land were sold and the new owner wanted to reside in it immediately. No other residence being available in the village we were obliged to move back to Minia taking us again 10 miles from our main work. Owing to the shortage of missionaries, the boat will be free for three months this winter, so we are going to live on it tied up to the bank of the canal, about five minutes walk from our new school building. Travel on the canal is very slow because only the current can be used when traveling north, as prevailing winds are contrary. The *Ibis* has a small row boat that is used for short journeys and this can be propelled by a small outboard motor. By attaching this to the *Ibis* by means of a tow rope we could make the journey in



Scenes along the Waterways of Egypt

much less time. The sailors are not able to handle the motor, so Ewing (Dr. Bailey) had to go along as engineer. The boat had to enter the canal at Assiut. Thither we went on Friday, Oct. 17th, and enjoyed the weekend with our own two boys and the rest of the mission children who are in school there. I spent a good deal of time on Saturday collecting stores enough to last a week.

THE IBIS

Before I start on the journey with you, I want to tell you about the boat itself. Those of you who are familiar with the mission history know what a large part the boat has played in that history. It was bought by the pioneers of the mission, Drs. Hogg and Lansing, in 1860. Soon after that, the missionaries experienced severe financial difficulties owing to the civil war in America. The boat was sold to an Indian mahrajah who took his bride on a honeymoon trip up the Nile. On his return he made the mission a gift of the boat and it has been used ever since for evangelizing the people of the Nile valley. Many are the tales that are told of the mission children falling overboard and being rescued; of racing other boats; of visitors of many nations; evangelistic conferences and inquirers into the way of life. Dr. Hogg used it as a seminary, living on it and giving the students practical experience as well as class room instruction as they sailed from village to village. It has been a welcome haven to many a tired missionary, coming to it at the end of tiring days of donkey riding to distant villages. If the old timbers could talk, they would tell tales that would enthrall and inspire the most discouraged. Viewed from a distance with its two huge sails set, the *Ibis* looks like a lovely bird gliding over the water. It

The Ibis which has been sailing up and down the broad Nile river for 82 years, entered a new experience as it wound its way through the canals of Middle Egypt.

has three tiny cabins which are just large enough for a small double bed or rather springs, supported by the walls on three sides.

THE PASSENGER LIST

Mrs. Frank McClanahan and Mrs. Neal McClanahan are our two passengers. We went on board at 8 o'clock on Monday morning, thrilled at the thought of a trip that at best would take us five or six days to cover about 90 miles! For half the journey the canal, railroad and highway run parallel with a total of seven bridges to be passed. These bridges make slow travel, even slower, as they open only at stated intervals and one who wishes to pass through must just sit and wait. To those of you who speed along the highways of America, this would appear to be exasperatingly tedious, but the country teems with life and viewed at a distance is so beautiful that every minute is of interest; and the feeling that there is nothing we can do about it gives a restful relaxation that we have not had for many a long day. Last night we tied up at a little village before dark. A *dahabieh,* (house-boat) on the canal is such an unusual sight that the whole village was aware of our presence within a very short time. The pastor of the local church came and called, and Ewing and he had a long visit and we were able to arouse his interest in our work in village education. We learned of the presence of an old Assiut College teacher, who is now an invalid, so Ewing and the pastor went off to visit him. A little servant girl came to the boat saying her mistress would like us to visit her. Inquiry as to the identity of the lady revealed the fact that she was the wife of the chief of police in the district, and that she had once attended our Girls' School in Tanta. Being a Muslim, she had not the liberty to come to the boat. Mrs. McClanahan and I had a delightful visit with her.

DAWN IN THE VALLEY

The following morning I went on deck at the first peep of dawn, as I wanted to see the sun rise. To the east were the sand hills bordering the Arabian desert. There is almost no fertile land on the east side of the river at this point. To the west is a similar range of low hills bordering the Libyan desert where British empire soldiers are guarding Egypt to save her from the fate of Europe. The lovely fertile valley of the Nile lies between, with the river and waterways carrying life to the soil. It is a never-to-be-forgotten sight to see the sun rise behind the hills, turning first the fronds of the dark palms to gold and gradually diffusing a rosy golden hue over the entire landscape and I watched the world wake up. The sailors unrolled from their blankets, unmoored the boat, and once more we began to drift downstream. A little boy herding a flock of turkeys called to us from the bank, "ma salaama" (may peace be with you), women came to the canal banks to fill their water pots, little girls started out with goats or water buffalo for a day in the fields, barefooted but head enveloped, men hurried along the bank intent on an early start, large flocks of heron left the trees where, looking like lovely white

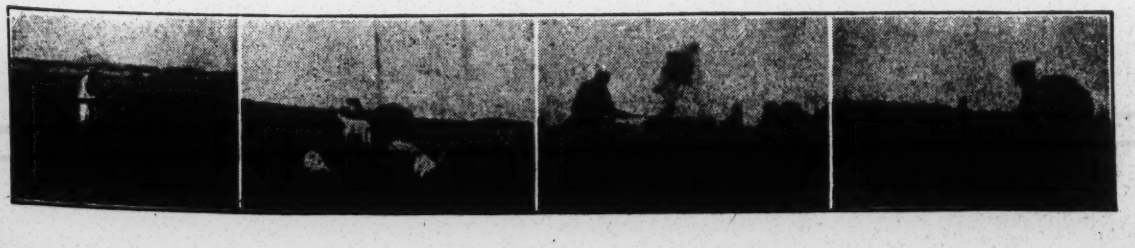
blossoms, they had roosted for the night. From below came sounds of stirring from the rest of the family and the day had begun. Morning chores were quickly accomplished and the rest of the morning was spent in watching the panorama of Egyptian life spread out before us as we glided down the canal.

AS JOSEPH SAW IT

The second night we reached a town midway on our journey. Here the canal split up into five and the one on which we traveled, tradition says was dug by Joseph, and it is still called by his name. It carries water to an oasis in the Libyan desert about 200 miles away. After passing through the lock, we left the railway, highway and telegraph poles. It was strange to be so near to the hub of world affairs, yet to be out of reach of papers, post and radio. At that time Russia was being hard pressed and we wondered what news would greet us when we reached our destination. In the meantime we were looking out on Egyptian life that looked much the same as when Joseph actually ruled the land. The devices for raising water from the canals to the fields are the same. The plows are the same; methods of tilling and harvesting have not changed in thousands of years; so while nations seek to destroy each other and whole countries are devastated, we were amid scenes that seem to roll on forever the same. We started out on this trip on the first of a four day feast which terminates a 29 day fast for all good followers of the Prophet. This feast takes the place of our Christmas. All unnecessary work stops and families gather for the celebration. To us it has meant delay for we have had to wait unusually long for bridges to open because the men in charge of them were not there. At this dividing bridge there were river boats that had waited three days for the bridge to open. We lost in all 31 hours in this way, but on the morning of the fourth day we entered the canal of Joseph.

FOLLOWING THE DONKEY PATH

One usually thinks of a canal in the terms of Euclid's definition of a straight line. Joseph had never heard of Euclid and certainly this is far from being the shortest distance between two points. The canal winds and winds, making hairpin bends, sometimes skirting the desert, at other times cutting deep into the fertile valley. There is a quaint legend that is told among fellaheen to account for this winding. It is, that when Joseph planned the canal he rode a donkey along the track he intended it to take. During the journey he fell asleep and the donkey wandered at will, and wherever the donkey went the canal was dug. Certainly it is far more interesting than a straight waterway, and one never is far from a village. Most of the people living on the banks had probably never seen a house-boat and our appearance caused considerable excitement. Work stopped and the children gathered and called to all within earshot to come and see the *Dahabieh!* Mrs. Neal McClanahan called us the "show boat" and we did seem like a prize exhibit as we passed, for the banks at each village were lined with people, and the children ran alongside as far as they could. We waved to them but they did not understand our salutation at



all. They would laugh and nudge each other and say, "Look what the ladies are doing." A calendar means so little to the villages of Egypt and events are noted by important happenings in the life of the people such as "The year the Nile was high" or "The day the cow died" and this day will go down in the annals of those villages as "the day the *Dahabieh* passed."

Ewing has had to sit out in the little boat most of the time and work hard at the motor which has not behaved any too well, but we have sat on deck, having the time of our lives and feeling like Cleopatras! Our fourth night on board we tied up at a rather large village and we tried to count the people lined up to see us. There were over 300, all shouting, and many of the children sang and danced on the banks and the dogs barked until quite late. The noise in our little cabin was almost deafening, so we were not sorry when they went home to bed. The next morning the captain slipped noiselessly away at the first peep of day, and I'm sure many children were disappointed when they discovered our flight.

Viewed from the boat everything was all so beautiful. The overflow was still on many of the fields, in some, corn was ready for harvesting. Thick growing sugar cane could be seen on every side. One forgot the poverty and ignorance and dirt, that are so abundantly evident in every village. The excitement of our passing made the children greet us with laughter. The women washing on the bank looked up with a smile and thus we floated on gently down the stream, and surely those days were very dreamlike. But on reaching the last bridge we woke up to the realities of life to find the boat just three feet too long to go into the lock, and we were still 20 miles from Edmu! This is the time of the overflow and the water on one side of the barrage was about four feet higher than the other. We left the boat, walked about three miles to the nearest bus stop, waited there one and a half hours and eventually got a bus to Minia. Ewing immediately visited the irrigation engineer who told him that in two weeks the waters will subside and be at the same level on both sides of the barrage, and that the lock gates will be open and we can pass through as at an ordinary bridge. Our frustrated efforts to get to live at the village are getting funny, but if we keep on we shall eventually get there for at least part of the winter, Oh, for the war to end and for it to become possible to build a residence beside our school!

THE TREASURER REMINDS YOU

That our fiscal year closes *April* 15 and presbyterial treasurers should have all remittances in the hands of the Treasurer *on or before* that date. The delay of even one presbyterial treasurer holds up the balancing of the books and the work of our auditor, so that it is most important to have all monies in on time.

All society treasurers should "have a heart" for the work to be done by their presbyterial treasurers in closing their books and should have their remittances in their hands by *March* 31, at the latest.

President's Page

"THIS IS MY TASK"

The great difference between totalitarian and democratic government is that in a democracy the citizens accept responsibility as individuals. In this hour when Christian civilization is threatened with destruction, the call is for Christians to face their obligations in the light of Christ's clear command. God has honored us by making us the agency through which His saving purpose is realized. The redemption of the world for which Christ died waits upon the witness of Christians. This is our task, Christian friends,—yours and mine. Shall we not, as individual Christians, accept our responsibility to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations?

Our Christianity is the gift of missions. Christ was not born in America, nor did He ever set foot here. We are Christians only because Paul did not stay at home, and others after him. Every Christian is a receiver only because another was a giver. And any Christian who takes—but does not send, who receives—but does not give, who possesses—but does not share, is failing in his task and obstructing the accomplishment of Christ's mission to the world.

Jesus came to seek and to save the lost, the least, and the last. That is the heart of the Gospel. To say, that now we have been found, the quest can stop, while we hug Him to ourselves as our own private delight, is to betray Him. We face the time when we may have Christ for the world, or Christ not at all. The answer is in the hands of every Christian. It is being answered every day on the battle front which knows no soldiers, bayonets, and bombs, but whose fighters are Christian teachers, physicians, and ministers.

While war is inflicting great scars on our world, the missionary enterprise seeks to heal. While war sets men against each other in bitterness, the missionary movement proclaims a world brotherhood. While unbridled nationalism is bringing the world to an abyss where the vision of tomorrow is a horrible nightmare, missions are going along the path of world reconstruction.

The greatest force for peace and progress in the world is the missionary enterprise of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. And its greatest need is for individual Christians who will unreservedly give themselves, their talents, and their means, to build the Kingdom of God in our time. Let us match the sacrifice of our missionaries with our own.

Mrs. C. L. Hussey,
First Vice President of the Women's General Missionary Society.

Editorial

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THE GLORY OF THE TASK

This is the beginning of the new church year. The work of the missionary societies should take on added activity, looking forward to the annual convention of the Women's General Missionary Society. The atmosphere around us is depressing, almost suffocating at times. But we, who are the Lord's missioners, should not allow ourselves to grow slack in our work, nor should we be utterly cast down. Rather should we manifest our courage and our faith in the work that will outlast the war. Let this year, otherwise dark, be a happy, joyous year in the service of our King.

Archibald Rutledge, who writes those charming sketches of the South, watching a man at work, asked how he succeeded in making a thing of such shining beauty out of a rusty, filthy old tugboat and the Negro engineer said, "Well, it's this way—I got a glory."

Berton Braley has put this thought into the following rhythmic lines titled,

THE GLOW WITHIN*

Oh, you gotta get a glory
In the work you do;
A hallelujah chorus
In the heart of you.
Paint, or tell a story,
Sing, or shovel coal,
But you gotta get a glory,
Or the job lacks soul.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory.
Is it much to give?
For you gotta get a glory
Or you just don't live!

The Great, whose shining labors
Make our pulses throb,
Were men who got a glory
In their daily job.
The battle might be gory
And the odds unfair,
But the men who got a glory
Never knew despair.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory.
When all else is gone,
If you've only got a glory
You can still go on!

To those who get a glory
It is like the sun,
And you can see it glowing
Through the work they've done.
Oh, fame is transitory,
Riches fade away,
But when you get a glory
It is there to stay.

Oh, Lord, give me a glory
And a workman's pride,
For you gotta get a glory
Or you're dead inside!

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Turning through the Scriptures, one finds that "The Great, whose shining labors, Make our pulses throb," were indeed men who got a glory. The patriarchs, the kings, the prophets and especially the Psalmist, have so expressed themselves. "Glory" is a good Bible word; it appears in one form or another not less than 525 times. Paul used it frequently; he recognized it in the churches; Paul knew what it was to have a glory in his own life, he was even foolish about it he said.[1]

Jesus, in His sacrificial death manifested the glory which He had "before the world was,"[2] and He prayed that His disciples might behold His glory.[3]

Can we, who have the "glorious liberty of the children of God,"[4] members of the Church of Christ with "the glorious gospel of the blessed God"[5] to proclaim, get a glory out of our service for the Lord of glory?

Much of what we do seems so insignificant, so trivial—attending meetings, calling on the sick, keeping minutes, making out reports, collecting money, meeting with committees—that we are apt to lose sight of the glory of the task.

For any missionary society, which has lost its zest, its enthusiasm, its interest, its passion for souls, it would not be irreverent, would it, to include two little lines in a prayer, "O Lord, give me a glory
And a workman's pride,"
adding and "Whatsoever we (ye) do," may we "do all to the glory of God,"[6] that we may be "to the praise of his glory"[7] and manifest to the world "the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in us (you) the hope of glory."[8]

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[1] 2 Cor. 12:11. [2] John 17:5. [3] John 17. [4] Rom. 8:21. [5] 1 Tim. 1:77. [6] 1 Cor. 10:31. [7] Eph. 1:12. [8] Col. 1:27.

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By FRANCES CARR STIFLER

This is a new book. It is a story of the Bible, how it was given by God to reveal Himself unto man, and to guide man in the world; how it has gone from language to language in more than one thousand tongues; how men in every nation regardless of class or creed, who have accepted this book, have found it a lamp to their pathway; how this book has transformed not only individual lives but whole communities and how it is in fact "every man's book."

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We sinned all."

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ington and Lee, Columbia, Brown, Rutgers, and Dartmouth, began with faculties composed of theologians whose main purpose was to give adequate training to ministers of the gospel. The tenth in this list of colleges, the University of Pennsylvania, although without denominational origin grew out of a charity school founded by George Whitfield, one of the world's most renowned Bible evangelists."

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Please read this a second time: Five NEW subscriptions. Renewals will be accepted at the same rate provided they accompany a CLUB OF FIVE NEW SUBSCRIPTIONS.

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The new programs are being mailed out now. Send orders at once that you may be ready for the beginning of the church year.

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Thank Offering Department

MRS. O. H. MILLIGAN, Thank Offering Secretary, 905 Publication Bldg., Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, Pa.

WHY

WHY should I give money to save heathen abroad when there are heathen in my own country to save?

WHY should I give money to save those in other parts of this country when there are needy ones in my own State?

WHY should I give for those in other parts of the State when there are needy in my own town?

WHY should I give for the needy in the town when my own church needs money?

WHY should I give to my own church when my family wants the money?

WHY should I waste on my family what I want myself?

WHY? Because I am a *Christian* and not a heathen.—Selected.

A WORD, A SMILE, A GIFT

"You spoke one day a cheering word,
And passed to other duties;
It warmed a heart, new promise stirred,
And painted a life with beauties.
And so for the word and its silent prayer
You'll reap a palm, sometime—somewhere."

"You gave on the way, a pleasant smile,
And thought no more about it;
It cheered a life that was sad the while,
That might have been wrecked without it;
And so for the smile and its fruitage fair
You'll reap a crown, sometime—somewhere."
—*Selected.*

You gave a gift to the mission cause
With prayer for blessings on it;
God multiplied it a hundred times
While through life you went without it;
And so for the gift and its saving prayer
You'll reap a reward, sometime—somewhere.
—*Mary Clokey Porter.*

PRESBYTERIAL REPORT BLANKS

(Continued)

The success of our Thank Offering each year is in a large measure due to the faithful Thank Offering Secretaries in the Presbyterials. These secretaries visit their societies through the year, bring to them interesting information and encourage them to put forth greater effort for increased offerings at Ingathering time. When the treasurer of the society has sent the money to the Presbyterial Treasurer the Thank Offering Secretary sends at once the report of the Thank Offering to the Presbyterial Secretary. The Secretary then compiles such reports and sends the complete Presbyterial report to the General Secretary. We are interested each year in giving to our readers the order in which these reports are received by us and the name of the Thank Offering Secretary of the Presbyterial. We are happy now to present this list of reports on the 1941 Thank Offering. It is as follows:

	Presbyterial	Secretary	Date Received
25.	Hudson	Mrs. R. E. Walker	January 7, 1942.
26.	Arkansas Valley	Mrs. Agnes Seyb	January 8, 1942.
27.	Southern Illinois	Mrs. Blanchard Fox	January 9, 1942.
28.	San Francisco	Mrs. Harold S. Wilson	January 10, 1942.
29.	Caledonia	Mrs. F. C. Erion	January 10, 1942.
30.	First Ohio	Mrs. Elizabeth Hodgin	January 10, 1942.
31.	Muskingum	Mrs. C. P. Cowden	January 10, 1942.
32.	Uncompahgre	Mrs. C. F. Hammond	January 12, 1942.
33.	Tennessee	Mrs. Herman Daves	January 12, 1942.
34.	Kansas City	Mrs. W. R. Huston	January 12, 1942.
35.	Detroit	Mrs. Chris Andersen	January 12, 1942.
36.	Indiana	Miss Nora Turpin	January 12, 1942.
37.	Butler	Mrs. C. W. Grafton	January 12, 1942.
38.	Ohio Northwestern	Mrs. John Hauschildt	January 12, 1942.
39.	Kiskiminetas	Mrs. Joseph Sharp	January 13, 1942.
40.	Idaho	Mrs. C. A. Walsh	January 13, 1942.
41.	New York	Mrs. W. S. Sturgeon	January 13, 1942.
42.	Chicago	Miss Agnes B. Ferguson	January 14, 1942.
43.	Xenia	Mrs. J. S. Vance	January 14, 1942.
44.	Steubenville	Mrs. Albert Shaw	January 15, 1942.
45.	Monmouth	Mrs. Willard C. Seldon	January 15, 1942.
46.	Allegheny	Mrs. John A. Crawford	January 15, 1942.
47.	Beaver Valley	Mrs. Daniel C. McCoy	January 16, 1942.
48.	Los Angeles	Mrs. A. W. Webster	January 17, 1942.
49.	Wheeling	Miss Rachel Welling	January 17, 1942.
50.	Vermont	Mrs. C. E. McLam	January 19, 1942.
51.	Keokuk	Mrs. Merle Twinam	January 23, 1942.
52.	Conemaugh	Miss Gertrude Steele	January 23, 1942.
53.	Rock Island	Miss Hannah Steele	January 26, 1942.

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371. Mrs. M. Lowry.....Oakland, Calif.
By friends.

372. Mrs. Hattie Long.....Fowler, Calif.
By her husband.

373. Alice McAra.....Bellefontaine, O.
By the W. M. S.

374. Grace Vellanga.....Bellefontaine, O.
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375. Gertrude Andrew...Bellefontaine, O.
By Loyal Daughters' Y. W. M. S.

376. Margaret McAllister.....
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By the W. M. S.

377. Margaret Houston.....
.....Whitinsville, Mass.
By the W. M. S.

378. Beatrice M. Austin.....
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379. Mrs. Crystal Cassmore.Detroit, Mich.
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380. Mrs. Margaret Struthers.....
.....Detroit, Mich.
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387. Mrs. A. B. Caldwell....Houston, Pa.
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.....Claysville, Pa.
By Mrs. J. C. H. Maxwell.

391. Mrs. Fred Moore.....Bulger, Pa.
By two friends.

392. Mary B. Conner...Washington, Pa.
By friends.

393. Laura E. Robb.....Washington, Pa.
By friends.

394. Mrs. W. F. Graham.....Donora, Pa.

395. Mrs. Ida W. Cowden....Hickory, Pa.
By her friend, Mrs. G. N. Glass.

396. Evelyn Kelso .....Hickory, Pa.
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399. Tamar M. McMurray.....
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400. Mrs. Ruth Jones.....
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402. Mrs. Katherine Kenner..Canton, O.
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403. Mrs. Walter R. Young...Canton, O.
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419. Mrs. George F. McConnell.....
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420. Marjorie Gilliland .....
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421. Mrs. Roderick McKenzie...Etna, Pa.

422. Mrs. Alfretta Tomlinson..Etna, Pa.

423. Mrs. Robert Paxton.Morning Sun, O.

424. Mrs. F. S. Caughey.....Dayton, O.
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425. Jennie Williams...Greeneville, Tenn.
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426. Mrs. J. Arthur Conner.....
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427. Mrs. Russell Robbins.....
.....Richmond, Ind.

428. Mrs. Pearl C. Nicodemus.....
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429. Mrs. Dema Gilley.....Ezel, Ky.

430. Mrs. Lizzie Anderson.....Ezel, Ky.

431. Mrs. Grace Booth.....Unity, Pa.
By Margaret Booth.

432. Mrs. Priscilla Alter.....Unity, Pa.
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433. Margaret VanBuskirk .....
.....McKeesport, Pa.
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434. Ethel Duff .....In Memoriam
By her sister, Laura Duff, Cleveland.

435. Mrs. Edna Duff Firth.Cleveland, O.
By her sister, Laura Duff.

436. Laura Duff .....Cleveland, O.

437. Mrs. Iva Williams.....Lakewood, O.
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438. Mrs. Emily Harper....Cleveland, O.
By her family.

439. Mrs. C. L. Bristol.....Elyria, O.

440. Mrs. A. W. Baird.....Elyria, O.
By a friend.

441. Margaret Agnes Peebles..Mars, Pa.
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442. Mrs. Florence Rice.....Warren, O.
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443. Mrs. G. W. Boone.....Warren, O.
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444. Elizabeth Miller .....Cleveland, O.
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445. Bertha McCalmont.....Cleveland, O.
By Jennie Ross.

446. Mrs. J. Guest Stacey.....
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By Mrs. G. Quay.

447. Mrs. W. J. Grossman....Sebring, O.
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449. Mrs. Nellie E. Reuf.Youngstown, O.
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453. Mrs. E. P. Conine.....Newton, Ia.
By a friend, Mrs. G. H. Nollen.

454. Retta Miller.....In Memoriam
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By Margaret Robinson Bible Class, Wilmington.

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By a friend.

459. Mrs. Samuel Drew.Philadelphia, Pa.
By a friend.

460. Margaret Brown...Philadelphia, Pa.
By a friend.

461. Mrs. Raymond Sinclair.....
.....Lansdowne, Pa.
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462. Mrs. Robert S. Mervine.....
.....Philadelphia, Pa.
By the K. McKenzie W. M. S.

463. Lillie Black.....Philadelphia, Pa.
By Miss F. Stewart.

464. Mrs. Myrtle Thompson.....
.....Benkelman, Nebr.

465. Mrs. Jeannette K. Lewis.....
.....Benkelman, Nebr.

466. Charlotte Sharpe.....St. Louis, Mo.
By a friend.

467. Mrs. D. D. Walton.....St. Louis, Mo.

468. Mary E. White.....Coulterville, Ill.
By the W. M. S.

469. Mrs. Martha Harton...Oakdale, Ill.
By Olive Boyle.

470. Mrs. Hannah Campbell, Marissa, Ill.
By Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Campbell.

471. Mrs. Charles L. McCreight.....
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483. Mrs. Howard Gross, New Castle, Pa.
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484. Mrs. Lulu Kocher..New Castle, Pa.

485. Mrs. John Gayl Blim.....
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486. Mrs. Famise Bowman, Aliquippa, Pa.
By Elizabeth Nick Moore.

487. Mrs. Margaret Holland .....
.....Aliquippa, Pa.
By Elizabeth Nick Moore.

488. Mrs. Clara Barkley.....Beaver, Pa.

489. Hanna Lowry.....Ellwood City, Pa.
By her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowry.

490. Mrs. Jennie Sarver.....
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491. Mrs. E. C. Harbison.....
.....Ellwood City, Pa.
By friends.

492. Mrs. James A. Mercer.....
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By Mrs. Celia Gibson Atkinson.

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.....Vandergrift, Pa.
By Mrs. Celia Gibson Atkinson.

496. Mrs. Virginia Atkinson Wineman,..
.....Wilkinsburg, Pa.
By Mrs. Celia Gibson Atkinson.

497. Mrs. Annie Carson....Toronto, O.
By a friend.

498. Jemima Larue Millen, Plumville, Pa.
By Beracha Young Women's Society.

499. Mrs. Raymond Tuft,.....
.....Pattersonville, N. Y.
By her daughter, Marian Lois.

500. Mrs. Ernest Fandrick,.....
.....Schenectady, N. Y.
By the Faith Missionary Society.

501. Mary Lillian Miller, Steubenville, O.
By Mrs. George T. Ewing.

502. Mrs. J. G. Evans, Reynoldsburg, O.
By Mrs. E. E. Evans and daughters.

503. Mrs. John G. Ireland, Altoona, Pa.
By her husband and family.

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including
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NEW SOCIETIES

Cleveland Presbyterial — Northfield Helen R. Brownlee Girls' Circle —8 members. The correspondent, Mrs. W. R. Robb, sponsor, said that "The girls did a very fine piece of work at Christmas time, as they dressed 35 dolls for the Good-Will Industries of Cleveland. The girls are now collecting pictures to make scrap-books." They are making plans to go to the WGMS convention in Akron next June. Quite a laudable ambition!

Beaver Valley Presbyterial—Ellwood City Girls' Guild.

Rock Island Presbyterial — Aledo Ruth Circle—10 members. The society is honoring the wife of the former pastor in the name chosen, Mrs. Ruth Oyler.

Steubenville Presbyterial — 2nd East Liverpool (particular name not yet selected).

The year '41-'42 is rapidly coming to a close. Why not send in the names and other material pertaining to new organizations (not yet reported in the Magazine) to find place on the pages of the Young Women's Department? If your society was formed after April 5, 1941, and you are not sure that the information has been given in for publication, please attend to it promptly. *This will* be *read* on *March* 1. Any material for publication in the *April Magazine* must reach *Pittsburgh* by *March* 5. Send it in *earlier* if possible.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

This month, *March,* gives societies their *last* chance to measure up in *receipts.* Have funds come in sufficient quantity to show progress? Are disbursements such as to encourage objects of support—for general funds, for Young Women's Special, for expense funds? If not satisfied, *this is March* 1, as has been said, there is one month to be sure a good report may be possible! May every society do its duty!

BE SURE THAT YOU RECEIVE YOUR REPORT BLANK. ALSO SEE TO IT THAT YOUR REPORT IS COMPLETE. THEN, BE MOST CAREFUL TO SEND IT ON TIME —APRIL 5, TO THE Y. W. SECRETARY OF THE PRESBYTERIAL.

"LOOKING AHEAD"

There are at least two types of *looking ahead,* one that considers future possibilities, and plans to be prepared for eventualities; the other type is almost a paralysis caused by fear of what may lie ahead. The former has a steadying effect on one's morale; the latter breeds dis-

trust and weakness of purpose and act.

In these war days, one needs to have her faith well established in order to be able to endure the possible shocks and sorrows as well as to keep the balance when victory is accomplished.

Dr. Ward, in his Daily Meditations in *Christian Herald,* gives these thoughts from an Australian writer:—

"The hills ahead look hard and steep and high,
Often we behold them with a sigh,
But as we near them, level grows the road.
We find in every slope, with every load,
The climb is not so steep, the top so far.
The hills ahead look harder than they are."

The reason for a sensible acceptance of our time on earth, not to be bowed down always with fears and troubles ahead is that those who trust God can know that His grace is sufficient.

We are told that life is a day-by-day progress and we are instructed to petition in this wise, "Give us this day our daily bread." If only we would accept God at His word, how much sooner we might rest confident, and be assured of true freedom with all its blessings! We possibly dwell too much in "Worry Land!"

The missionary society as any other organization is composed of individuals. The *color* of the society reflects the thoughts and lives of its members. No doubt but that both kinds of *looking ahead* may be found in every society. Happy is the society with a preponderance of members of vision on its roll,—girls and young women whose faith in God and belief in ultimate victory are assured.

May extra stress be laid on *individual responsibility.* Should your society lag in interest and work, do not place all the blame on the officers or committees. Chances are that there are members in the organization that have done little or nothing to make the society a real success,—we have to acknowledge this is fairness to the cause. If the society is "at the end of its string", it is possible that the "look forward" has not been strong. How about the stock of far-sightedness, of perseverance, of grit, of faith?

Yes, it behooves each of us to practice looking ahead even though the way looks hard,—"The climb is not so steep, the top so far.

The hills ahead look harder than they are."

A SOCIETY PROGRAM

An interesting program came quite some time ago and items from it are presented. It came from the Mary Clokey Porter Missionary Society of First Church, N. S., Pittsburgh.

The first page contains the "Ten Commandments for M i s s i o n a r y Women:"—1. See clearly; 2. Plan greatly; 3. Organize efficiently; 4. Resolve highly; 6. Work tremendously; 6. Pray mightily; 7. Believe implicitly; 8. Cooperate constantly; 9. Speak hopefully; 10. Triumph gloriously.

One of the unusual meetings was the presentation of "Our World Family" by Mrs. Charles W. Fulton, Prayer Group Secretary of the Board of Directors. Dolls from over the world form the visible family. Much missionary information is gained through this study.

Some quotations are given for the use of societies:—

"Rest is not quitting the busy career;
Rest is the fitting of self to its sphere."

"From earth to heaven we build a stair,
The name by which we call it—Prayer."

Field Secretary's Message

The Lord Jesus Christ is the only hope of the world and now, when the world is in such a mess, more than ever. The Church of Jesus Christ is the institution through which He works and the missionary work of His Church, reaching out as it does through its world-visioned members, to all mankind offers today the brightest spot in an otherwise very dark world. (We are this moment listening to instructions for a complete blackout; how much of the world's population is tonight putting those instructions into practice!)

Our Government calls for funds—and more funds. We must buy bonds and defense stamps; we must help the Red Cross financially, and knit and sew and roll bandages. Some of us may soon be driving a taxi or bus or plane, or doing many other things alien to us as women.

We may be doing with less food, and different food from that we are used to eating. England now mixes horse flesh with her beef. Tender grass, and many an unthought of weed, are being sold for salads in English stores. We, like our Allies, may soon have chicken houses in our back yards—even in cities—and vegetable gardens on our front lawns and in our window boxes. When our Government says to us: "You must!" we respond: "We will;" and we do it heartily.

There is also a Christian "must." It is imperative that we buckle on our Christian armor and work and give and pray as never before. It has been demonstrated, sadly, that education will not save the world; legislation will not save the world; politics will not save the world; science will not save the world. In the hands of evil men science will destroy the world. Neither will a "new order" save the world. It must be a new loyalty and devotion to our Lord by all who call themselves Christians.

We will support our Government in all it asks of us so far as we are able but we must not let the demands of our country lessen our time for prayer or our gifts for our Lord's work.

We are nearing the end of another year in our missionary society work. All reports will soon be in. What will our figures say when compared with those of the year before? An increase all along the line—we hope, and that should mean an advance in Efficiency. How about our Prayer Circles and Prayer Groups, local and Presbyterial, and the use of our Prayer Cycle? (Every woman, young or older, should own and use a Prayer Cycle daily.) How about our ten o'clock (A.M.) prayer hour? Thousands of us have convenanted to meet at the Throne of Grace at that time to pray with one another and with all who pray: "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name" for all who need our prayers and for Camp Chaplains and missionaries particularly.

This is the Christian's "must"—to give up many things that we like that our offerings may increase; to work and to pray daily in the secret place and with others. "Deny yourself," said Christ; "take up your cross and follow me."

The cross of Christ—the symbol of the Church—stands (many governments have fallen) "towering o'er the wrecks of time." It is our symbol; Christ is our hope. Let us give thanks.

—*Sallie E. Dickey.*

Statistical and Efficiency Department

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LAST MINUTE REMINDERS

Last year, after our reports were in, we called your attention to our alarming decrease in membership in America. With our denominational goal before us of a 10% increase in membership, we trust that every presbyterial has kept in step with our church's aims. With approximately two-thirds of the women already members of our church, yet to be won for our missionary societies, that task accomplished would increase our enrolment by approximately 69,468, far more than a 20% gain. Have we put forth our best efforts? Have we made it a matter of prayer that some women within our influence are apparently not interested in missions?

In the home stretch, the remaining few weeks of our year, may we not make an all-out effort to reach at least the 10% gain. From smallest to largest presbyterials it would mean gains of from 11 to 365 members. We wait for reports with keen interest.

In this connection we call your attention to the fact that every presbyterial has the privilege of participating in the awards given at the Annual Convention. Within the few remaining weeks each one will have gained or lost its right to a place on the Honor Roll, which we explained in former numbers of this magazine. Fourteen presbyterials qualified last year. This requires the cooperation of every society and a persistent effort by the presbyterial to organize a society in every congregation.

Our two Silver Cups, for Women's, Young Women's, and Teen-Age Girls, have been the past year in the proud possession of Des Moines and Uncompahgre Presbyterials, Class A and Class B respectively. Of the 25 presbyterials in Class A (having a membership of 700 or more) Des Moines won by a gain of 106 members, or an increase of 17%, more than any other in her Class. The Presbyterial Efficiency Secretary, Mrs. Lillian Smith, of Winterset, Ia., deserves a word of praise. By this gain Des Moines Presbyterial stepped up into Class A.

Our smallest, Uncompahgre Presbyterial, by a gain of 44 members won the trophy for Class B (membership less than 700). Mrs. W. L. Thornburg, of Olathe, Cal., is Efficiency Secretary. We look for some competition between Concordia and Uncompahgre with membership so near the same. With not too much effort several presbyterials in this Class could gain a place in Class A. Who will be first in each Class this year?

Then too, there is the beautiful Efficiency Banner claimed each year by the Presbyterial having the highest rating in efficiency. Wisconsin won by a percentage of 76, only one more than Chartiers—some rivalry there! Mrs. Ralph Rye, Avalon, Wis., is the Statistical and Efficiency Secretary of Wisconsin. With Thermometer Charts so much in use we wonder how high our temperature (efficiency) will rise this year. Our average last year was 59%, a rather chilly atmosphere for a missionary meeting.

SOME USED AND USEFUL METHODS

We like to get helpful used plans from societies and presbyterials that they may be passed on to others. As presbyterial secretaries are looking for new methods for presenting reports, and societies for different plans to gain new members, we present the following methods: The first from Philadelphia, Mrs. Thos. Cummins, Statistical and Efficiency

Secretary, who presented what she calls a Silent Report at their Fall Convention. It was given as follows:

Four pieces of white cardboard were selected, large enough for printed words that could be seen throughout the room, and on the cards were printed the words in order, Efficiency (1st card), The Ten Points of Our Standard (2nd card), The Goal (3rd card), 100% (the 4th card). For the presentation each card was held up in order as numbered that the audience might see.

From Mrs. J. F. Pugh, of San Francisco Presbyterial, have come these two unusual methods, used by societies there last year:

"A Statistical and Efficiency Secretary prepared a "Love Garden" Efficiency Chart. A sheet of cardboard 18x24 in. was selected on one corner of which she pasted the picture of a house, and around this house were marked off ten flower beds, representing our Ten Points of Efficiency. At the beginning of the year seeds were pasted on these gardens and as the year advanced, and the Points of efficiency grew, flowers were pasted on the gardens. Seed catalogues were used for the cuts of flowers. The societies using this had the pleasure of seeing most of the flower-beds thriving, with flowers in full bloom."

The next method was used for securing new members:

"A cross, approximately three feet in height, was made of white cardboard. The Standard and the Cross Bar were marked off in squares to equal the number of members enrolled in the Society. Each member was presented with a colored card with her name written on it, and if she wished to enter the campaign for securing new members she turned in her card to be pasted on the Cross. When she secured a new member for the Society her card was covered with a gold card. The cross, which was displayed, had the majority of colored cards covered with gold ones."

"LIGHT SHINES THROUGH OPENING DOORS"

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time to supply them when the sense of human need for Divine help is stronger than ever! Large quantities of Testaments continue to be asked for by Army and Navy Chaplains. Suitable Bibles have been provided for the lecterns of the Army chapels as they have been built, and for each ship commissioned by the Navy.

Everywhere, everywhere — open doors! Never have there been so many ambushed opportunities and embattled frontiers as there are today. And we who face these calls daily are under the tension of knowing that we have in this Book both the message millions need as they face death and the message which, in the world's hands, and heeded by it, would remove the pestilence of war. We must deliver it in spite of barriers! No barrier is so great as the ignorance and indifference and inaccessibility of multitudes of American Christians whose sacrificial help the Bible needs now! You who are giving sacrificially for its spread, we do not appeal to you again, save for your prayer and your retelling of the story that the Society's income may somehow rise to meet mankind's heart-hunger for the Bible.

May God help us to keep the light shining in the darkness!

Home Missions

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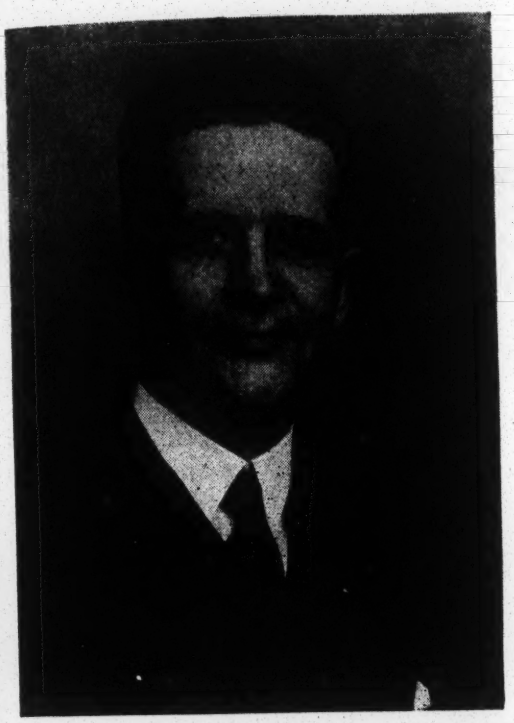
EZEL NOTES

WELCOME TO BUCHANANS

Ezel is looking forward to the arrival of its new pastor, Rev. Bruce Buchanan, and his family who plan to arrive on February 11th. We all rejoiced two weeks ago when we learned that Mr. Buchanan had accepted our Board's appointment to the pastorship of our Ezel and Frenchburg churches. The Buchanans will make their home in the manse here in Ezel. They come to us from our Findlay, Ohio, Church where Mr. Buchanan has been pastor for several years since his return from our mission in Sudan and Ethiopia.



The Reverend Bruce B. Buchanan, new Pastor of the Frenchburg and Ezel churches.

The women of Ezel Church are busy making plans for a reception for our new pastor and his family. The Young People want to have a party in their honor, too. It will be good to have folks living in our parsonage again. We trust the Buchanans will be very happy in their new home in our friendly community.

SECOND SEMESTER BEGUN

Ezel School began its second semester January 22nd. Nine new students have entered school and we have word that others are coming. Our grade rooms are already crowded to capacity. Most of these new students are coming to us at the completion of our rural county school term of seven months to enter our junior high school and thus be ready for our high school next year. This brings our year's enrollment to still another high.

To meet a need we have felt for some time we have added a course in Agriculture for our Senior and Junior boys who elect it. These boys, under Mr. Henderson's direction, are busy making seed beds and planning projects in gardening and poultry. At the same time we are offering an advanced course in Home Economics for upper class girls. This will deal with Home Management and Home Nursing.

Another thing that we have planned for this semester is a physical education and gymnasium class for every boy and girl in our school. Thus we want to make the most of our new gymnasium. Friends who invested in this building enterprise should see the joy that these children have in our new building.

Our Lunch Room continues to do a great work: serving 100 to 125 children each noon. Increased prices on foods have made the managing and planning harder but the price is still just five cents. Some of our friends have helped with generous gifts. Our school buses, too, have felt the pinch of increased operating costs but we have held the bus fare

the same. When our N.Y.A. appropriation was cut in half that meant that half of the students who earned their bus fare in that manner had to find some other way. • The demand on our student aid fund has increased.

CLOTHING SUPPLY GOING

Our clothing supply has been going fast since the first year. Crowds continue to come to our sales each Saturday morning and our receipts have fallen off markedly. We are looking forward to Spring housecleaning days when our friends will send us more clothing. One good friend suggested that this would be a good way to clean out that attic as the air raid wardens have suggested! We do need more clothing to meet our need.

VISITING PREACHERS

During the month of January just past we have had the privilege of hearing three different visiting preachers. On January 4th our former co-worker and teacher, Mr. Samuel E. Glass, a Senior in Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary, was our guest preacher. The following Sabbath Mrs. J. C. Heinrich of India and Pittsburgh was with us for our morning worship and remained for our Monday chapel service. Rev. Mr. Heinrich was our preacher on the 18th and 25th and also visited with us the intervening week. He brought us a challenge in rural evangelism as he has worked in that type of Christian endeavor in India.

Rev. A. W. Jamieson of Rushville, Indiana, preached for us on February 1st and is with our missions this week, conducting special chapel services at Frenchburg and planning to preach for us again next Sabbath.

FRENCHBURG

We are happy to again greet our many friends through the pages of our beloved magazine. Our new semester began January 19th, with some eight more pupils than we h the first semester. The reason f this is the fact that the county scho have but seven months of school, a we encourage pupils who are conte plating entering our school in t fall to register with us now, that th may be better prepared to enter hi school.

COACH PATTON RESIGNS

Coach Tom Patton of West Mi dlesex, Pa., resigned at the end the first semester because he ex pects to be called to the army, and h wanted some time to be with his fam ily before he is called. His teachin duties have been taken by a substi tute, Mr. Ed. Sorrell, one of our grad uates. Mr. Sorrell is a teacher i the County, and is doing a splendi job here. Mr. John McDowell is act ing coach of the basketball team. Our team is leading the conference a present, and they are determined t win the conference cup. Many "fans" said that the game with Stan ton last Friday night was the bes game they had seen here in many years. Our boys defeated the visitor 35-25. We have six games to play t finish the season.

DR. A. W. JAMIESON HERE

We are happy that the Board ha appointed Rev. Bruce Buchanan a shepherd of the flocks at Ezel an Frenchburg. Mr. Buchanan will tak up his duties Feb. 15. Dr. A. W. Jamieson of Rushville, Ind. an Synodical Superintendent of th Second Synod from 1916-1933 i here for the two Sabbaths before our pastor arrives. Dr. Jamieson ha been very kind to appear in each morning chapel service for an evan gelistic talk. His themes for the week are:

"THY WILL BE DONE"
"YOU CHOOSE YOUR DESTINY"
"THE LOST SHEEP"
"GOD'S POWER TO SAVE"
"SOUL INSURANCE"

We have already greatly enjoyed the fine sermons of Dr. Jamieson, and he has exemplified a fine spirit of service, meeting with any who have any problems he chooses to talk about. We wish to thank the Women's Board for sending Dr. Jamieson to us, for it has already been a very inspiring and helpful time that we have spent, and we pray that Christ may be magnified and many of our students will be led to choose Christ as their personal Saviour during this week.

LUNCH ROOM POPULAR

Our lunch room project which was started last year is proving to be very popular this year, particularly during these cold days. We are serving from 72 to 80 lunches per day, more than half of this number being free. We charge those who can pay a fee of nine cents to pay for those who cannot pay. This means that we are serving the whole group for a fee of approximately five cents or less. *AND THE LUNCHES PAY OUT!* Teachers have noted that the hot lunch has improved the scholarship of many of the children and many have gained weight.

HOSPITAL NEARS COMPLETION

Our hospital which was started almost a year ago is nearing completion. It has seemed a long time to us, but when we consider the labor problem that has been ours, and the slowness with which the material has been delivered, it has not been so long. Perhaps next week will see the most of the interior actually finished. Of course, this does not mean the thousand-and-one things that have to be done at the last *but the actual building work.* Then will come the finishing and the grading of the lawn and the making of concrete walks, planting of shrubbery, and the building of the sun parlor. We are praying that this building will be of real service to the many in this community that need hospitalization. Just this week we have ministered to one suffering from blood poisoning, and to one suffering from meningitis. The one has been saved through expert medical care and nursing while the other cannot be helped, relief only can be given.

Again we ask you to pray for us in this area of God's vineyard. We feel very definitely the need for divine guidance, and therefore we covet your prayers always.

Harry L. Cowden

CITY MISSIONS

Italian Mission, Cranston, R. I., reported the largest Junior Thank Offering in its history, being six dollars over that of last year. It also had its first Junior Life Member, a little girl of three years of age who saved the amount herself "for Jesus." A Girls' Teen Age Missionary Circle was organized with a membership of ten. They meet twice a month and are studying and becoming acquainted with different phases of the work and their responsibility.

The Bible School gave the Christmas program—"The True Meaning of Christmas." The Pioneers gave the cantata—"When Christ Was Born." Many adults were present and candy and gifts were given to approximately one hundred children.

Miss Zucchi adds—"We thank all our Christian friends who helped to scatter cheer among our boys and girls."

Slovan Mission, Langeloth, Pa. The Christmas program was on the order of a pageant as suggested in the Junior Missionary Magazine, and a play entitled "Santa on a Strike." There were Christmas gifts for every one present and awards were given to those who had the best attendance during the year. Two more New Testaments were given to young men who were home on furlough during the holidays. These Testaments were provided by the W.C.T.U. of

Burgettstown. The young men seem very grateful and appreciative of the interest in their spiritual welfare. Mrs. Lieske adds—"We are very grateful for the deepening of the spiritual interest among the members of our mission, and ask your prayers that there may be many wholly surrendered lives to Christ and the work of His church, and decisions for Christ in the new families contacted."

Arkansas Valley Presbytery. The missionary, Miss Mary Geyer, has been transferred from Wichita to Newton, Kansas.

She writes of the work as being very different each place she goes. She is making fewer calls as she must either walk or take a taxi, while in Wichita a friend drove her around whenever and wherever she wanted to go. She is planning to start a Communicants' class and to organize a Junior Missionary Society.

Cliff House, Pullman, Wn. The missionary had a big "Do" at her apartment. One of "Her boys" was being inducted into the army, one of "her girls" was leaving for hospital work and two more boys were soon leaving school, so twenty students and their pastor were invited for a buffet supper. Many said they never had a better time in an evening and it was no more trouble than the "waffle suppers" and many more students were reached. At the waffle suppers there were usually four new students and two old ones, then a few who came in later for "open house." At this party twenty got well acquainted and the games were much easier to plan. So for a time at least the buffet suppers will be in order.

The Sabbath School class, which last year was a great worry, is now a source of great joy. The attendance ranges from twelve to eighteen, all interested and regular in attendance. Many interesting discussions are started and the missionaries version is not accepted until she gives the Bible proof for her reason. This gives the missionary enough mental and spiritual gymnastics (she says) to keep her from getting stale. Miss McCrory adds: "Oh, this work is so slow and it surely has its discouraging angles. However I think no one ever expected me to turn the world upside down so I am not surprising them anyway."

THE 1942 W. G. M. S. CONVENTION

Have you begun to plan for your trip to the Convention next June? If you are coming from the Pacific coast, north or south, do you wish to know something about the travel cost? The information here given includes the ten per cent increase in railroad fare and the government tax.

Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle to Chicago, *round trip*: Intermediate—$85.47; Coach—$75.08; berth to Chicago, *one way*—upper, $8.82; lower, $11.60 (Government tax included). Chicago to Akron, *round trip*: First Class, $28.57; coach, $13.97.

Los Angeles to St. Louis, *round trip*: Intermediate—$80.96; Coach, $71.14; St. Louis to Akron, *round trip*: First Class, $34.88; Coach, $18.48; berth Pacific coast to St. Louis, *one way*: upper, $7.14; lower, $9.14.

Boston to Akron, *round trip*: First Class, $43.84; coach, $23.63; berth to Pittsburgh, *one way*—upper, $3.26; lower, $4.73.

New York City to Akron, *round trip*: First Class, $36.67; coach, $19.28; berth to Akron, *one way*—upper, $3.04; lower, $4.15.

Washington, D. C. to Akron, *round trip*: First Class, $27.56; coach, $15.70; berth to Akron, *one way*—upper, $2.31; lower, $3.31.

Transportation Secretary

Indian Missions

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APRIL 1942 INDIAN GRASS OR GEESE MONTH 1942 GREAT SUNS

WARM SPRINGS TIMBER SOLD

The contract covering the sale and cutting of timber on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation was given to Ray Wilson, Spokane lumber operator. The sale involves timber on 70,000 acres of tribal lands and embracing an estimated 400,000,000

Miss Helen J. Noordewier and Billie Machamer in the mountains near Warm Springs, Oregon. "We feel as if we were on the top of the world."

board feet of Ponderosa pine at $3.50 per thousand and 125,000,000 board feet of Douglas fir, hemlock and other species at $1.00 per thousand.

Wilson, according to Indian service forestry officials, is considering several possibilities for logging and processing the timber. It is announced that work will be started as soon as the weather permits. The lumber will be either milled on reservation land, possibly on the Warm Springs river near He He mill or somewhere in the vicinity of the reservation, it is thought.

Members of the Indian tribes living on the reservation and participating in the ownership of the tribal timber lands are highly pleased with the developments, according to both agency administration forces and tribal members.

Characteristic of the response was that of Mrs. Naomi Wagner, who has two nephews in the armed forces, stationed somewhere in the Pacific.

"We are all very happy that our timber is being sold and will be milled," she stated. "There are plenty of things to do with the money. Most of us need better houses than we have—and I, for one, intend to put some of my money into defense bonds."

STORY-LOVERS

I want to tell you a little thing that I noticed at the close of last Sabbath's service. There was a little group of the old men that stayed in the Church to talk. Thinking they were wanting to talk on their own tribal matters, as they frequently do after service, I went outside and talked with others. But after a while I went inside again, and joining the group found them listening to old Charlie Hellon, who can read, telling them a story. In their own dialect he was telling them of the Red Sea incident pictured on the Primary Lesson that had been distributed to them. The scene had its touch of beauty—three old Indians, illiterate but childlike in their love for Bible stories listening to another old fellow telling of how the waters rolled back on Pharaoh and his host.

E. H. C.

Foreign Missions

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MISSIONARIES' BIRTHDAYS
APRIL

Miss Hazel Bennett	April	4
Miss Mabel McMichael	April	6
Miss Eva M. Hewitt	April	7
Miss Evelyn Cathcart	April	11
Miss Laura Reynolds	April	15
Miss Stella Robertson	April	17
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N.	April	18
Miss Hazel E. Anderson	April	21
Miss Elizabeth M. Wilson	April	21
Miss Mary Logan	April	29
Miss Helen V. Weede	April	29

RESIGNATION

Today, my Father, I cannot go
Whither I would;
Then grant that where Thou wouldst
May be my place.
And in Thy grace
Such love extend,
That I shall know at evening
It is the place I sought
But could not comprehend.

Grace F. Guthrie.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

At a regular meeting of the Tuesday Prayer Meeting on January 20 in the Assembly Room, Publication Building, a memorial service was held for Mrs. J. B. Hill who served so long as treasurer of The Women's General Missionary Society. Many beautiful tributes were paid to her memory by the Board and by other co-laborers.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose
not wholly
What He has given;
They live on earth in thought and
deed, as truly
As in His Heaven."

—*Whittier.*

INDIA

We have been anxiously listening to broadcasts and reading dispatches concerning the terrible war in the Pacific, the battle on Singapore, Malay, and the Burma Road and our thoughts and prayers have been for missionaries all over the far East and especially for our own missionaries in the Punjab and for our work in North India.

We have heard by cable of the safe arrival of the newly appointed workers and now a letter in the November issue of "The Sialkot News," written by Mr. Horace McGuill, recounts different incidents and tells of their experiences on the long journey to India. They traveled on the Java-Pacific Line from San Francisco and it took about fifty-four days for them to reach Calcutta. The journey was uneventful except that they had blackouts every night and the men had to take turns in climbing into the Crow's Nest as look-outs. Much heavy cargo was carried to different ports. When they reached Rangoon (Burma), Dr. and Mrs. Vroon left the ship and were taken to a hospital, where they found a fine little baby girl. They remained there for a time until Mrs. Vroon was able to proceed on the journey. As Mr. McGuill went by train to his mission station, everything was new to him—the accommodations for travel, the people, their language and clothing, the food and the buildings. The people were much more colorful and the land much less colorful than anything he had been accustomed to. He spent a little time at the celebrated Taj Mahal, viewing it from all sides and taking pictures of it. He received a warm welcome from missionaries who met his train at Gujranwala and equally hearty greetings upon arriving in Rawalpindi, where he is to be located. We are sure that the missionaries are all happy to have these new recruits to help carry their heavy responsibilities.

A few more echoes have reached us from the Annual Meeting. All agree that both the devotional and business meetings were unusually interesting and helpful. One missionary said:

"Perhaps the Christy twins were the greatest attraction; they were the objects of great interest and admiration to all the missionaries. They and cheery little Dicky Brown afforded constant diversion outside of the meetings. They are all beautiful, interesting babies and the joy of the entire Mission."

Miss Dora Whitley wrote: "The greatest joy of the Mission Meeting this year for me was to receive my Service Pin. What a beautiful remembrance it is! It is very sacred and dear to all who have received it. I cannot adequately express to the Women's Board my appreciation. I am not worthy of such a gift and honor, but I do praise the Lord for having allowed me to have thirty years in India. What a very short time it has seemed! Lois Boyd presented the pin to me in a very sweet, appropriate way. Thanks to the Board far more than I can express for this lovely gift. It is very, very precious to me."

Miss Whitely has spent almost all of these years in the Girls' Boarding School at Pasrur and is most devoted to her pupils. She says the attendance is not quite as large as it was last year but they are very busy and are much encouraged over the work. A new blind girl has come, making six again.

There has been much dengue fever among the people and some of the missionaries have had it but all are reported as recovering.

A number of Bible Conferences have been held in different sections and many of the missionaries are now in winter camp preaching and holding Bible Schools. The Juniors have rallies in India as well as in America. One held in Rawalpindi in November was well attended in spite of the prevalence of sand fly fever. Taxila took home the banner with their lorry load of mothers and children. The Thank Offering was higher than last year. The Campbellpur offering also exceeded last year's.

We pray that all our missionaries may be kept in health and in safety from all the dangers and the troubles of war.

EGYPT

Egypt is still in our hearts and in our prayers as the uncertainties of war affect it considerably. Very little news has come from our mission workers, but we know that they have been making the best of their opportunities for rest and recuperation during the summer months and are now back at work in their several stations. All the schools are reported as having a full quota of pupils, and plans have been made for carrying on the work with substitute volunteer workers since the short term teachers had to go to America and so many of our missionaries are detained here.

Reports from the Girls' College in Cairo tell of the work as it has been carried on with little interruption. However, during one of the raids in Cairo fourteen incendiary bombs fell on the College grounds. They all burned out but one that failed to ignite. Fortunately no damage was done but all thought it was quite enough excitement for one night.

Miss Martha Glass, who has charge of the Khayatt School in Assiut, has her residence in the top apartment of the hospital for this year. In the Pressly Memorial Institute the work is going well. Miss Ruth Work is reported in good health and is able to carry on her work as usual.

Miss Laura Walker and Miss Frances Patton are our only representatives in Mansura. Miss Patton, who is in charge of the school, had a most encouraging opening and had to engage two new teachers. She now has a fine staff of teachers and is said to be a very successful educator herself. Miss Walker was in Tanta Hospital for a few days late

in September but was soon able to resume work in the villages with her Bible Women. She wishes she had many more to help her in this needy field.

And so the work goes on in spite of difficult conditions. Many prayers are being answered for our work and workers. Let us continue to hold them up in our daily prayers.

SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA

In September of 1940 the Sudan Government ordered all women of the Nasir station to leave because of danger from Italian air raids which were made in that vicinity. Miss Ray Huffman's furlough was due in a few months so she proceeded to leave for America, which she reached after several months of waiting for a ship and the long journey around Africa to New York. All the other women left the station for Egypt or Khartoum.

Miss Blanche Soule spent three and a half months in Khartoum and Wad Medani. This time was not wasted as she needed a rest, but she was happy when the Government gave her permission to go back to her own work. She said: "It is not easy being a *refugee* for one's heart is back home with one's people and especially with the little ones." Miss Soule is so thankful that she is again able to carry on her work with her girls and can plan for the future with some certainty. One of her girls who has been married is working in the section where she lives and another married girl, taught by Miss Soule, is teaching in her own locality.

Miss Soule was able to buy a one-room house from the Government; it was the house where the Belgian doctors ate when they had a hospital in that section of Nuerland and is right in the midst of many Nuer people. She paid one pound ($5.00) for this house. After it was plastered inside and out, she had it cleaned well and whitewashed. Services were held and the house was dedicated to the Lord; it is now known as "God's house." The plan is to have services in it every Sabbath afternoon and sometimes during the week. The people of that section are very happy to have a House of God so near.

Miss Soule is hoping and praying for a new school building for her girls as the old discarded clinic she is using for the school is in very bad condition. A neat new building would help the people to stop thinking, "Any old thing is good enough for girls." Miss Soule has been very busy as she was short a teacher and had to do more teaching herself. Then, too, she had the care of many sick people while Dr. Dougherty was away for three months.

Dr. Dougherty has been looking over conditions in Ethiopia. Since the departure of the Italian soldiers it seems feasible to think of reopening our work there. Dr. Dougherty has made a very encouraging report of the growth of the Church in Sayo but feels that some missionary should be there very soon to strengthen the church members and carry on definite work in our buildings which are now greatly in need of repair. It has been decided to send Dr. Dougherty to this Sayo work and he may be there now.

This leaves Nasir in great need of a doctor. Dr. Mary Smith has finished her course at Tulane University where she has been studying Oriental diseases and is ready and willing to go to The Sudan, where she lived for some years with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Smith. It is hoped that arrangements can soon be made for her travel.

Other members of our missionary force are ready to go to our George Memorial Hospital in Addis Ababa when reservations and passports can be secured. The door of opportunity is open to us and we do not want to wait too long lest it should be closed.

Temperance and Reform Department

BY MRS. G. VIRGIL HUTCHISON, Secretary, Avella, Pa.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

I headed my car into a dark alley. The bright lights of the car brought into view the figure of a man approaching with uncertain steps, staggering first to right then to left. I felt an impulse to go to his aid. He needed help; he needed protection for he was entering the main highway. I did not obey the impulse and neither I nor anyone else offered him any protection. Had it been offered it would have been strongly resented, for the man was drunk. He was "just another drunk" but my neighbor and fellow citizen. If he had been staggering from illness, I would have taken him into my car and rushed him to clinic or hospital. Almost any of his fellow townsmen would have done the same. Why are we not responsive to the need of such a one?

A man smelling strongly of whiskey came to me for treatment of a broken jaw. He said he had fallen downstairs but later he was forced to admit that he had been injured in a fight. He was ashamed to tell where he had been or how his wounds were received. Bystanders all agreed that it was his own fault. Was it? ? ? ? ?

A neighbor made a left turn onto the highway and was struck by an oncoming car. Two cars were demolished and several injuries were received. The police took away his driver's license because the accident occurred when he was under the influence of alcohol. No one was greatly concerned though he might easily have been the cause of a wreck for any one of us. We all use the highway. Are we as indifferent to our own safety as to that of the man who drinks?

A citizen of our town died after years of drinking. During those years he dissipated his own and his family's fortune. He abandoned ambition and lost a promising career. Popular in his youth, he became a good fellow to many a man who drank with him, but he died almost friendless, and his whiskey glass beside him. All self-respect, all hope, all desire to live had gone. His obituary notice said, "He never did any harm to any one." Was that true? The answer came months later from another source.

For years a husband and father periodically deserted his family and spent days to weeks in drunken debauches. When efforts were made to bring in the sale of intoxicants, he was ever ready to vote 'wet' and also to exert all his influence in favor of the liquor element. To him death came suddenly while he was recovering from a spree. One who had a chance to know gave me the answer mentioned above. "It is never true that such a one 'never did harm to anyone.' If you live with him you know."

"Know ye not that your bodies are the temple of the living God?" Do you think that you can defile the temple of the living God and be blameless? Your neighbor's body too, is a temple of God. I too, suffer with the man who staggers down the street in the headlights of my car. My responsibility is greater and the need for action more pressing than if he suffered from infantile paralysis or some fever. Are you doing anything about it? Am I?

[Our guest writer this month is Dr. H. S. Hutchison, Superintendent of our Martha McKeown Hospital in Tanta, Egypt. Dr. Hutchison is detained in America by the war.—Secretary.]

Literature Department

Mrs. A. J. RANDLES, Secretary, 904 Publication Bldg., Ninth St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

APRIL PROGRAMS

Certainly when an organization, a business, or an individual reaches the half century mark allowance should be made for some form of celebration. The Literature Department arrives at that point this year and proposes to highlight the fact by doing the unusual.

First of all we have arranged a packet of leaflets for April programs to supplement the articles in the first pages of this issue of the Magazine. Mrs. O. H. Milligan of the Thank Offering Department and Mrs. Virgil Hutchison of the Department of Temperance and Reform have allowed us a leaflet from their respective stocks.

In this packet you will receive:

The Bible—What Is It?, The Bible—The Best Seller, Onesimus Nesib (Ethiopian Translator of the Bible), *Literacy and Literature, Our Heritage, Oh, Was It You?, In the Interim* (Easter), *Make Life Worth While* (Temp.), *Gleanings On Giving* (T.-O.) The cost of the entire packet, 10c.

In addition, so long as the supply lasts, we are offering *free* two leaflets—"Four Parables" and "Calling All Women"—in quantity sufficient to allow you to present one to each member present at your April meeting. See page 404 of this issue.

PRAYER CYCLE

Our 1942 Prayer Cycle is ready, with maps included. Perhaps a word should be said about price for many times persons do not compute correctly when prepaying an order. 10c for single copies, or less than one dozen. But when one dozen or more are ordered the cost is at the dozen rate, $1.00. For example: An order for fifteen Cycles is considered as one and one-fourth dozen costing $1.25, and *not* as one dozen at the dozen rate and the three single copies at single copy rate.

Two corrections must be made. Since the Prayer Cycle was printed, Mr. Thomas L. Patton has left the Frenchburg school. Please delete his name as teacher there. On Twenty-Ninth Day, page 34, among retirements in America, the name of Mrs. S. G. Hart has been included with that of Dr. Hart. As many of us know, Mrs. Hart has been long deceased. We are very sorry that such an error has crept in.

Through an error the price of "Discussion and Program Suggestions" for A CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE was given in the February Magazine as 10c. Attention is now called to the fact that this booklet sells for 25c.

Tributes

MRS. JOHN T. MELOY

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Evanston, Illinois, wishes to pay a tribute of love and esteem to the memory of Mrs. John T. Meloy who went to be with her Lord and Saviour September 23rd, 1941.

She was the widow of our late pastor, and her life was a continual inspiration to the women of the Church. We knew her as a valued partner in her husband's ministry; as a wise mother whose children "arise and call her blessed;" as a hostess who extended a cordial welcome to all those who entered her door. Her calm, clear judgment was valued in the Church organizations where she insisted upon bearing a full share of activity so long as years and health permitted.

Mrs. Meloy was deeply interested in all missionary organizations of the Church. She served as Vice-President of the Women's General Missionary Society and held various Presbyterial offices. Her deep interest in missions lives on in the lives of her children, two of whom are serving as missionaries abroad, one a minister and the others active in their Churches at home. It can be truly said of her, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Mrs. H. E. Brown
Mrs. W. G. McGeoch
Mrs. J. B. Johnson
Mrs. Geo. Hinchcliffe

MRS. MARY M. STINSON

The Women's Missionary Society of Fairhill United Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Mary M. Stinson who died October 15, 1941.

In a quiet unassuming manner, she served faithfully and efficiently as an officer in our society for many years. We are thankful for her life and shall ever remember her with love and respect.

Committee

MRS. LOUISE CRUPE BYERS

We, the members of the Women's Missionary Society of the Mt. Hope U. P. Church, Avella, Penna., wish to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. Louise Crupe Byers, who was called Home August 18, 1941. In early life Mrs. Byers united with the Mt. Hope Church. She served as Cradle Roll Supt. and was a faithful member of the Sabbath School, the Women's Missionary Society and was especially interested in Young Peoples Work.

We commend the loving mother who was her constant companion to the great Comforter who has said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

Deeply do we mourn her going, neighbor, friend, comrade, in Christian work.

We pray that her loved ones may have the consolation that Christ alone can give.

"They never quite leave us, our friends who have passed,
Through the gateway of the eternal to the sunlight above.
For a thousand sweet memories are holding them fast
To the place they have blessed by their presence and love."

Mrs. Verner Smith,
Mrs. Guy Smith,
Mrs. Paul Adams,
Committee.

MISS MARGARET FIFE

The death of Miss Margaret Fife removed from our midst a member of one of the pioneer families of the Mount Lebanon district.

Miss Fife had been a teacher for forty-three years, thirty-five of which had been spent in the Wilkinsburg schools. She had an understanding heart, and was loved by the children she taught, and loved them in return.

There was no part of the work of the church in which she was not interested; and while it was not possible to be in attendance at the missionary meetings until retirement from school work, the cause of missions was ever her interest and concern.

The Mount Lebanon Women's Missionary Society feels keenly the loss of an earnest, valued member and friend.

Committee,
Mrs. J. C. Downs
Mrs. R. L. Lanning.

MRS. B. L. SHUMWAY
MRS. CLARA MURRAY

The Women's Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of Reinbeck, Iowa, wishes to pay loving tribute to the memory of Mrs. B. F. Shumway who passed away September 20, 1941, and Mrs. Clara Murray, who passed away September 22, 1941.

May their lives of Christian service and patience be an inspiration to those of us who remain to carry on the work of our Master until He comes.

Mrs. Robert Young
Mrs. H. A. Wilson

PRESENT ADDRESS OF MISSIONARIES SUPPORTED BY THE WOMEN'S GENERAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY AND DATE OF APPOINTMENT

(c-o American Mission should be added to each foreign address)

INDIA

Miss Ruth I. Ardrey, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Helen Artman, 1920—Sheikhupura
Miss Margaret E. Ballantyne—1941, Kinnaird College, Lahore
Miss Kathryn Beattie, 1920—Lyallpur
Miss Minnie Beatty, 1912—Abbottabad
Miss Hazel Bennett, 1908—Gujranwala
Miss R. Jean Black, 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Lois Boyd, 1918—Sangla Hill
Miss N. Addaline Brandon, 1931—Sargodha
Miss Frances E. Brown, 1927, 1937—Lyallpur
Miss Theresa I. Brownlee, 1922—Sialkot City
Miss Marie Cash, R.N., 1926—Pasrur
Miss Evelyn Cathcart, 1925—Sheikhupura
Miss Marjorie Faught, R.N., 1933—Taxila
Miss Margaret Fehlman, 1913—Zafarwal
Miss Betsy Fleming, 1913—Sargodha
Miss Vida J. Graham, 1922—Pathankot
Miss Eva M. Hewitt, 1930—Campbellpur
Miss Alice G. Hill, 1933—Lyallpur
Miss Kate A. Hill, 1896—Sialkot City
Miss Janette Howland, 1921—Campbellpur
Miss Reba C. Hunsberger, M.D., 1921—Sialkot City
Miss Flora Jameson, 1903—Sangla Hill
Miss Mary Kyle, 1904—Badomali
Miss Olive Laing, 1912—Rawalpindi
Miss Sarah Jane Lamont, 1928—Pathankot
Miss Glendine Lundquist, R.N., 1932—Sialkot City
Miss Laura R. MacLachlan, 1933—Badomali
Miss Elizabeth F. McConnell, R.N., 1931—Jhelum
Miss Lillian A. McConnell, 1902—Jhelum
Miss E. Marjorie McCrory, 1936—Jhelum
Miss Evelyn M. McKelvey, R.N., 1933—Sialkot
Miss Margaret Murdoch, 1924—Sangla Hill
Miss Ruth M. Nichol, 1933—Sialkot City
Miss Marion T. Peterson, 1930—Rawalpindi
Miss Willa M. Ramsey, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Laura Reynolds, 1924—Sangla Hill
Miss Louise Scott, 1916—Gujranwala
Miss Vivian Trimble, 1921—Pathankot
Miss Ruth A. Warnock, 1913, 1936—Sargodha
Miss Helen V. Weede, 1928—Zarfarwal
Miss Georga Wengert, 1920—Gurdaspur
Miss Dora B. Whitely, 1911—Pasrur

HONORARY RETIRED MISSIONARY

Miss Mary J. Campbell, 1884—1435 Shepherd St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Lois M. Buchanan, 1910—334 N. Rutan St., Wichita, Kan.
Miss Evva P. Hartig, R.N., 1924—57 Broadway, Frostburg, Md.
Miss Mary Frances Lincoln, R.N., 1920—1502 Penn Ave., Wichita, Kans.
Miss Kate E. Spencer, 1918—E. Main St., Oblong, Ill.

RETIRED

Miss Emma Dean Anderson, 1881—231 Franklin St., Slippery Rock, Pa.
Miss Laurella G. Dickson, 1897—Tarkio, Mo.
Miss Ella M. Gordon, 1893—Pattersonville, N. Y.
Miss Mary E. Logan, 1891—Rushville, Ind.
Miss Rosa McCullough, 1879—Greenwood, Mo.

RETIRED (from Egypt)

*Miss Rena L. Hogg, 1899—Assiut
Miss Ella M. Barnes, 1911—926 E. 1st St., Monmouth, Ill.
Miss Minnehaha Finney, 1894—121 N. 7th St., Sterling, Kans.
Miss E. Roxy Martin, 1901—9525 Bustleton Ave., Bustleton, Philadelphia, Pa.

EGYPT

Miss Margaret A. Bell, 1901—Fayum
Miss Helen R. Brownlee, R.N., 1934—Assiut
Mrs. Mary K. Coventry, 1918—Benha
Miss Anna B. Criswell, 1905—Assiut
Mrs. Ada A. Dunlap, 1926—Fayum
Miss Lucia Dwight, 1919—Beni Suef
Miss Davida Finney, 1915—Cairo
Miss Elsie French, 1909—Cairo
Miss Martha C. Glass, 1922—Assiut
Miss Eulalia D. Grether, 1929—Tanta
Miss Alice Grimes, 1924—Cairo
Miss A. Constance Harper, 1937—Benha
Miss Lucy Lightowler, 1921—Cairo
Miss Helen J. Martin, 1915—Cairo
Miss Evelyn McFarland, 1919—Cairo
Miss E. McKibben, R.N., 1924—Tanta
Miss Mabel McMichael, 1937—Tanta
Miss Carol E. McMillan, 1906—Beni Suef
Miss Sarah B. Meloy, 1923—Cairo
Miss Marion A. Paden, 1902—Tanta
Miss Venna R. Patterson, 1924—Cairo
Miss Frances Patton, 1922—Mansura
Miss Stella Robertson, 1922—Cairo
Miss Martha A. Roy, 1938—Luxor
Miss Edna B. Sheriff, 1920—Assiut
Miss Nellie C. Smith, 1911—Cairo
Miss Mary M. Stevenson, 1939—Cairo
Miss Mary C. Thompson, 1939—Tanta
Miss Helen M. Walker, 1930—Assiut
Miss Laura B. Walker, 1904—Mansura
Miss Ethel L. Weed, 1919—Alexandria
Miss Ida B. Whiteside, 1913—Luxor
Miss Esther W. Wilson, 1919—Luxor
Mrs. Margaret J. Work, 1939—Cairo
Miss Ruth A. Work, 1904—Assiut
Miss Laura Wright, 1921—Tanta

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Leota Cabeen, 1909—5th Ave., St. Joseph, Mo.
Miss Mary F. Dawson, 1922—112 North 5th Ave., Yakima, Wash.
Miss Alta G. French, 1925—Goldfield, Iowa
Miss Alfretta M. Hammond, 1904—State Hospital, Warren, Pa.
Miss Lois D. Kingan, 1926—235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss Dora B. Mason, 1918—2515 Orlando Drive, 21, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Miss Lillian McClelland, 1923—1011 S. Parkview St., Los Angeles, Calif.
Miss Mary L. Thompson, 1917—Tarkio, Mo.

THE SUDAN

Miss Mary E. Coie, 1919—Omdurman
Miss Una Coie, 1918—Khartum North
Miss Mary V. Ewing, R.N., 1939—Doleib Hill
Miss Elsie E. Grove, 1912—Doleib Hill
Miss Marguerite McClellan, 1926—Khartum North
Miss Aulora R. McIntyre, 1911—Wad Medani
Miss Ellen P. Smith, 1938—Khartum North
Miss C. Blanche Soule, 1921—Nasir
Miss Frances Turk, R.N.—Khartum North

NOW IN THIS COUNTRY

Miss Ruth C. Beatty, R.N., 1921 (Formerly of Ethiopia)—2040 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Miss Isabel Blair, 1922—c/o Mrs. Howard Campbell, 718—11th St., Waynesboro, Va.
Miss Ray Huffman, R.N., 1924—235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss Mary Jane McKnight, 1922—235 East 49th St., New York, N. Y.
Miss E. Verna Pillow, 1930—Sterling Kans.

* Retired.

HE CROSS OF CHRIST

The Christ Child learned
in early years
the feel of wood —
of rough wood, cut
and nailed and crossed.

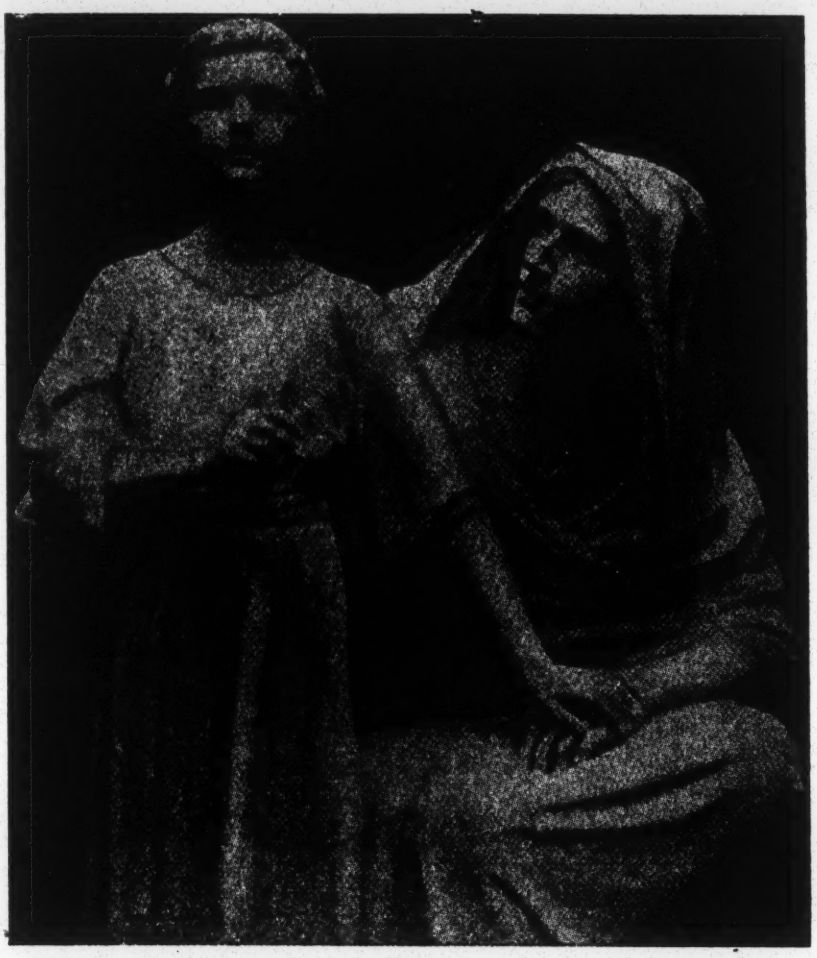
The Lord Christ learned
in later years
the feel of wood —
of rough wood, cut
and nailed and crossed.

(Mrs. C. W.) Elsie Webling Fulton
Secretary of Prayer Groups

"Infancy of Christ"
—Hofmann

"The Crucifixion"
—Munkacsy

A LITTLE TIME APART



The Man That Is To Be

This is a reproduction of the piece of statuary in the Art Institute, Chicago, entitled "Her Son." It was executed by Miss Nellie Walker, a native of Keokuk, Iowa, who has won a foremost place among American artists. A group of boys who lately visited the Art Institute stopped to discuss the meaning of these figures. "He's wondering what he's going to be when he is a man," one of them said. "Yes," said another, "and his mother is wondering what he is thinking about."